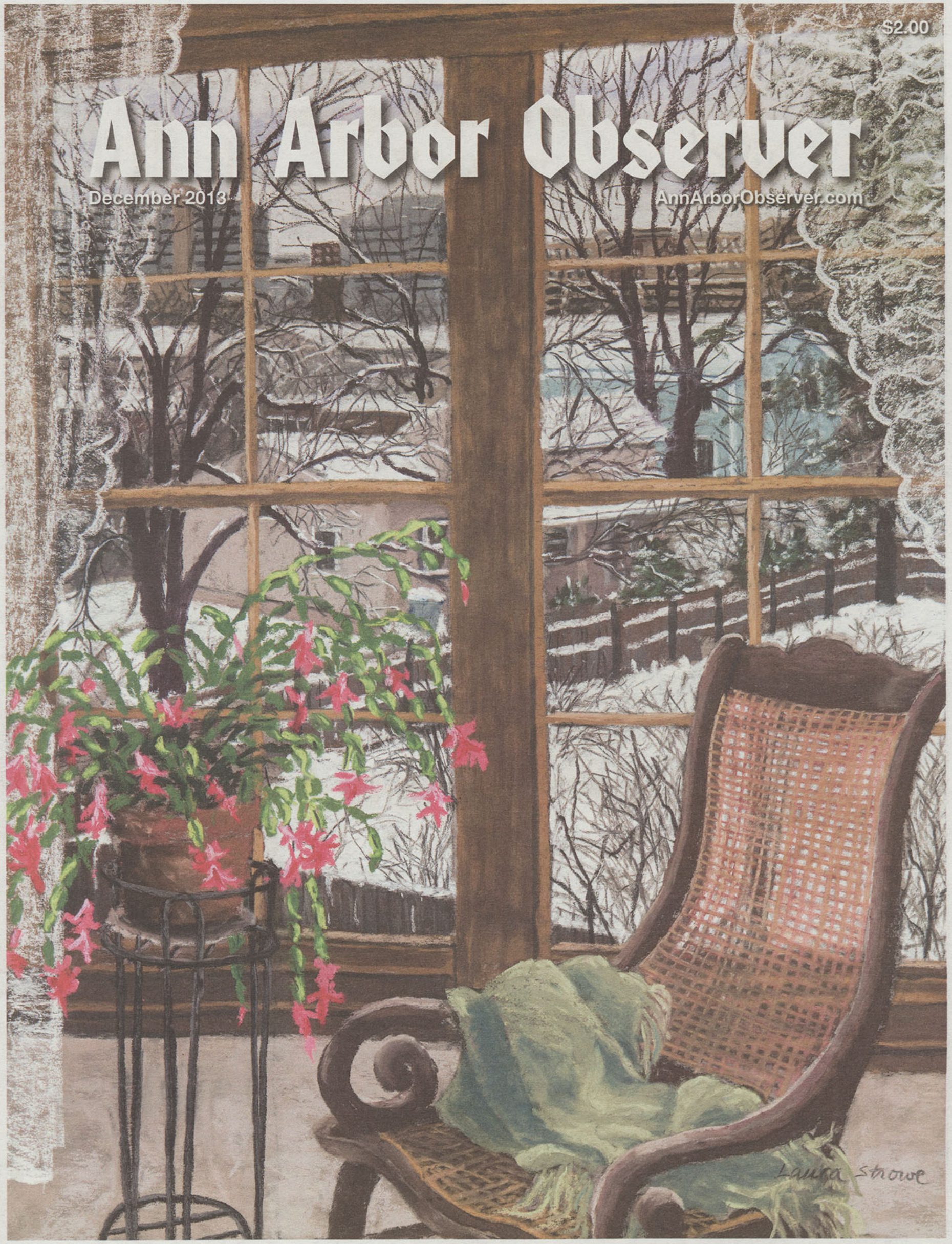
$2.00

Ann Arbor Observer

December 2013

AnnArborObserver.com



'Tis the Season

for some funny ornaments

to be Jolly

in some fine clothes by Filson, Stormy Kromer, Carhartt and Sheri Dufek

And for singing while you cook,

Fa la la la Laaa, la La La LA!

Holiday Hours start Friday, December 13: Monday-Saturday 7:30-9:00, Sunday 10-5

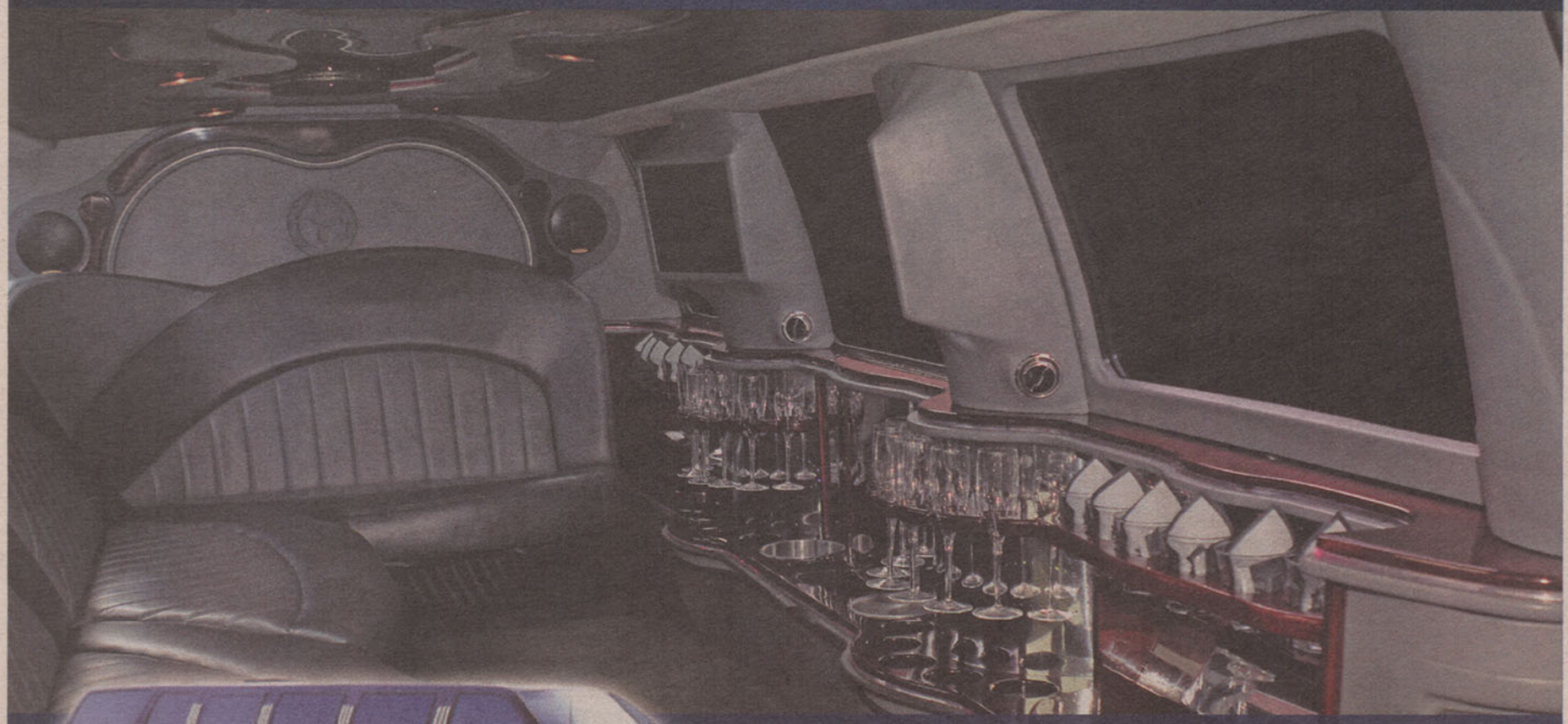
DOWNTOWN HOME & GARDEN

www.downtownhomeandgarden.com

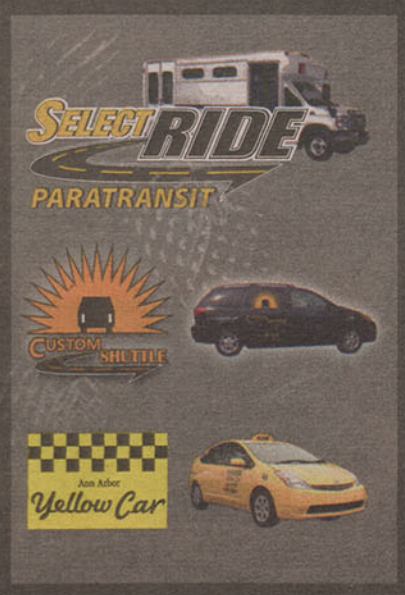
210 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor 734 662-8122 Mon-Sat 7:30-7, Sun 11-4

ARBOR LIMOUSINE SERVICE

At your service for all your special occasions.



- Limousines
- SUVs
- Stretch SUVs
- Limo Coaches
- Sedans
- Town Cars
- Mini-Coaches
- Motor Coaches
- Hybrid Vehicles
- Vans



734.662.8888

Sedan – Limousine – Airport Shuttle – Accessible Transportation

SELECT RIDE

Ground Transportation Professionals since 1944.

www.SelectRide.com

Achatz Pie Company
Allstate Insurance
ATI Physical Therapy
Bank of Ann Arbor
BoRics Haircare
Comerica Bank
Crown House of Gifts
Domino's Pizza
Espresso Royale Café
FedEx Office
Frames Unlimited
General Nutrition Center
Jimmy John's
Kroger Company
Massage Envy Spa
McDonald's
Pet Supplies Plus
Prudential/Snyder & Co.
Tortoise & Hare
University of Michigan Credit Union
"Zoup" Fresh Soup Company

coming soon:
E Z Dental
Orange Leaf Yogurt

Traver Village

Plymouth Road *(at Nixon)*

(734) 994-5050

First Martin Corporation

GIFT CARDS NOW AVAILABLE

GIVE A GIFT WITH SOME IMPACT

Have a friend or a loved one who could use a more action-packed workout? Maybe a coworker who's addicted to exhilaration—and exhaustion? Help them push their limits and reach a new fitness peak. Give them a TITLE Boxing Club Gift Card. After all, there's no better gift than helping someone **earn their TITLE**.

2115 W Stadium Blvd., Ann Arbor, MI | (734) 619.0189 | facebook.com/TITLEBoxingClubAnnArbor

TITLE® BOXING CLUB

TITLEBoxingClub.com

Businesses helping to protect water quality in Washtenaw County . . .

500 South Main Street
American Leak Detection
Angel Food Catering
Ann Arbor District Library
Ann Arbor Farmer's Market
Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum
Ann Arbor Municipal Airport
Ann Arbor Parks and Recreation
- Argo Canoe Livery
- Bryant Community Center
- Buhr Park
- Cobblestone Farm
- Fuller Park
- Gallup Park Canoe Livery
- Huron Hills Golf Course
- Kempf House
- Leslie Park Golf Course
- Leslie Science & Nature Center
- Mack Indoor Pool
- Northside Community Center
- Senior Center
- Veterans Memorial Sport Complex

Ann Arbor Public Schools
Ann Arbor Township
Ann Arbor Transportation Authority
Ann Arbor Water Treatment Plant
Arbor Hills Condominium Association
Arbor Psychological Consultants
Arbor Springs Water Company
Arrowwood Hills Co-op
Atwell – Hicks, Inc.
Barrett Paving Materials, Inc.
Barton Hills Village
Brentwood Square Condominiums
Briarwood Shopping Center
Chrysler Group, LLC
City of Ann Arbor
City of Ypsilanti
Cleary University
Colonial Square Cooperative
Dawn Farm
Dixboro United Methodist Church
Earthen Jar Vegetarian Cuisine
Eastern Michigan University
EPA-National Vehicle Fuel Emissions Lab
Federal Corrections Institute-Milan
Forefront International
Fox Hills Golf and Conference Center
Geddes Lake Condominiums
Greenstreet Tree Care
Horiba Instruments, Inc.
Howard Cooper, Inc.
Huron Chase Board of Directors
Huron-Clinton Metroparks
- Delhi Metropark
- Dexter-Huron Metropark
- Hudson Mills Golf Course
- Hudson Mills Metropark

IMRA
Industrial Tectonics
Insight Design Studios, Inc.
ITC Holdings
Jewel Heart

COMMUNITY PARTNERS • FOR CLEAN STREAMS •

JJR, LLC
Kaiser Optical, Inc.
King of Kings Lutheran Church
Kramer-Triad Management
- Aspen Ridge Square
- Aspen Ridge Village
- College Heights
- Nature Cove
- Tower Plaza
- Woods of Ann Arbor

Liebherr Aerospace
LimnoTech, Inc.
Lodi Township
Maggie's Organics
McNaughton & Gunn, Inc.
Michigan Firehouse Museum
Motawi Tileworks
New Center, Inc.
NSF International
Pittsfield Township
Pittsfield Village Condominiums
ReCellular, Inc.
Recycle Ann Arbor
Reddeman Farms Golf Course
Resource Recycling Systems
Rovin Ceramics
Salem Township
Scio Township
Select Community Management
Seva Restaurant
South Lyon Salem Library
St. Francis of Assisi Parish and School
St. Joseph Mercy Hospital
Subaru Research and Development
Superior Township
Tetra Tech
Thomson-Shore, Inc.
Three Oaks Group
Toyota Technical Center USA, Inc.
UBE Machinery, Inc.
University of Michigan
- Matthaei Botanical Gardens
- Nichols Arboretum
- Radrick Farms Golf Course
- U-M Golf Course

Veterans Affairs-Ann Arbor Healthcare System
Village of Dexter
Washtenaw County Environmental Health
Washtenaw County Facilities
Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission
- Meri Lou Murray Rec Center
- County Farm Park
- Parker Mill County Park
- Pierce Lake Golf Course

Washtenaw County Road Commission
Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner's Field Inspection
Webster Township
Whitmore Lake Elementary School
Whitmore Lake Middle School
Whitmore Lake High School
Ypsilanti Charter Township
Ypsilanti Community Utility Authority
Zingerman's Delicatessen

These organizations are members of Community Partners for Clean Streams: a partnership to protect Washtenaw County waterways through the identification and implementation of practical pollution prevention strategies for businesses. Please join me in recognizing and supporting all of our Partners.

- Evan N. Pratt, Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner

Interested in seeing your name on our list? Call 734-222-6833 or visit us at www.ewashtenaw.org/cpcs

WASHTENAW COUNTY MICHIGAN 1826

Ann Arbor Observer

AnnArborObserver.com

Publisher
Patricia Garcia

Editor
John Hilton

Deputy Editor
James M. Manheim

Assistant Editors
Michael Betzold • Renee McPhail

Editorial Assistants
Laura Bien • Shelley Daily • Stephanie Douglass
Tracy Janevic • Anita LeBlanc • Lisa Nichols
Julianne Smith

Profiles Editor
Eve Silberman

Calendar Editor
Katie Whitney

Assistant Calendar Editors
John Hinchey • Stephanie Douglass

Webmaster
Valerie Mates

Writers
Tim Athan • Sally Bjork • Shelley Daily • Kevin Duke
Patrick Dunn • Jay Forstner • Anita LeBlanc
James Leonard • Dale Leslie • Nick Marsh
Piotr Michalowski • Sally Mitani • Jeff Mortimer
Elie Rosenberg • Jan Schlain • Sandor Slomovits
Keith Taylor

Senior Photographer
J. Adrian Wylie

Photographers
Mark Bialek • Sally Bjork

Artists
John Copley • Steve Gilzow • Tabitha Walters

Creative Director
Caron Valentine-Marsh

Design & Production
Sara Norman • Lisa Nuñez • Tabitha Walters

Advertising Director
Courtney Miller

Senior Advertising Executives
Julie McCrackin Cole • Vikki Enos

Advertising Executive
Ellen Perry

Business Manager
Jean Morgan

Administrative Assistant
Sarah Dieleman

Circulation Manager
Melissa Seifferlein

online at AnnArborObserver.com:
Daily events calendar
Observer articles archive
Everyone's a Critic culture blog

The Ann Arbor Observer (ISSN #0192–5717) is published thirteen times a year, once each month plus a special issue in August (the City Guide), by the Ann Arbor Observer Company, 2390 Winewood, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. Telephone: (734) 769–3175. USPS #454–470. Member Certified Audit of Circulations, Inc. Periodicals postage paid at Ann Arbor, MI.

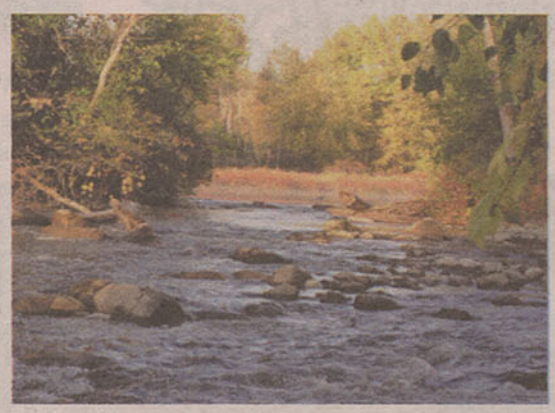
Subscriptions: $20 for one year, $35 for two years. Write to the Ann Arbor Observer, 2390 Winewood, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. Telephone (734) 769–3175. Fax (734) 769–3375. Email: subscribe@aaobserver.com

Manuscripts: The Observer welcomes freelance material. Send manuscripts to Editor, Ann Arbor Observer, 2390 Winewood, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. Email: Hilton@aaobserver.com

Postmaster: Send address changes to Ann Arbor Observer, 2390 Winewood, Ann Arbor, MI 48103.

©2013 by the Ann Arbor Observer Company. All rights reserved. No portion of the Ann Arbor Observer may be reproduced without permission of the publisher.

Printed on recycled paper.



If you believe it's important to
Give Local to enrich the
quality of life in our community
For good in ways that last
For ever . . .

Join us at **aaacf.org**
to make a gift.

Ann Arbor Area
Community Foundation
50 years of good

301 North Main Street, Suite 300 • Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104 • P 734.663.0401

celebrate the season at KERRYTOWN®

MARKET & SHOPS

MIDNIGHT MADNESS

Friday, Dec 6
open 'til Midnight
Kerrytown Merchants are open late to help you with your holiday shopping! Festive music, Santa, and great sales!

Comerica Bank
Noon Year's Eve

Tuesday, Dec 31
10am–1pm
This benefit for Big Brothers, Big Sisters features an outdoor ice rink and more.
bbbswashtenaw.org

TINY EXPO

Saturday, Dec 14th, 10am–7pm
Ann Arbor's biggest little indie arts & craft fair featuring local artists and crafters selling their wares and displays of unusual merit! The Holiday pandemonium takes place behind 16 Hands. Get your holiday gifts from the locals!

BREW & BROWSE PREVIEW NIGHT
Friday, Dec. 13, 6–9pm
Beer & wine for purchase, DJ Jeremy Wheeler spinning holiday tunes, and most Tiny Expo artists with their wares for a sneak peak.

Tree Lighting FESTIVAL

Sunday, Dec 1st, 5pm
Come to Kerrytown's courtyard for its traditional holiday tree lighting with Santa! Caroling and luminaries begin at 5pm, Santa arrives shortly after.

KERRYTOWN KINDLEFEST

Friday, December 6th
6–10pm
The Farmers Market becomes a winter wonderland with local artisans, German brats, beer, smores & much more.

MERRY TUBACHRISTMAS

Sunday, Dec 8th, 2pm
The 40th year at the Sunday Artisan Market and 2nd year in the Kerrytown neighborhood. This annual event is performed all over the US where tuba and euphonium players of all ages gather to perform traditional Christmas carols. Audience participation encouraged!

SANTA SATURDAYS

Dec 7 , 14 , & 21, 10am – 1pm
Santa visits Kerrytown! Susan K. Campbell, creator of the Humans of Ann Arbor Project, will be snapping photos or bring your own camera. Come back the following week and pick up your free photo on one of the holiday trees in Kerrytown!

SHOP LATE FRIDAYS

Dec 13 & 20, til 9pm
The shops stay open late for convenient holiday shopping!

Ring the Bells

play our chime
Every Saturday
10:30am to 11am,
Wednesday and Friday
12pm to 12:30pm

mother goose storytime
Sunday, November 3rd
at 2pm in Hollander's
Second Floor

mother goose storytime — Every First Sunday — 2pm at Hollander's

407 N. FIFTH AVE. | WWW.KERRYTOWN.COM | 734.662.5008

The Market Holiday Hours: **M-F** 8am to 7pm | **SAT** 7am to 6pm | **SUN** 9am to 6pm
Christmas Eve 8am–5pm | **New Year's Eve** 8am–5pm

The Shops Holiday Hours: **M, Tu, Th, F** 10am to 7pm | **W** 9am to 7pm | **SAT** 9am to 6pm
SUN 11am to 6pm | **Christmas Eve** 10am–3pm | **New Year's Eve** 10am–5pm

OVER 20 LOCALLY OWNED SHOPS AND BUSINESSES

KID STUFF

elephant ears
Organic, US & European children's clothing & accessories
(734) 622-9580

Mudpuddles
Creative and unique toys for kids
(734) 662-0022

WOMENS APPAREL

Mathilde's Imports
Elegant women's apparel from around the world
(734) 214-1248

V2V
Women's high-end fashion, bridalwear & home décor
(734) 665-9910

SPECIALTY FOODS

FUSTINI'S
Local & imported oils and vinegars
(734) 213-1110

Spice Merchants
Spices and dried herbs from around the world
(734) 332-5500

SERVICES

ENCORE STUDIO
Salon with excellence in hair, skin and nails
(734) 663-9344

SPARROW
Personalized fitness training to fit your needs
734) 761-8175

Zingerman's EVENTS on fourth
Catering and event space
(734) 663-3400

GIFTS AND TREASURES

FOUND
Whimsical art and vintage treasures
(734) 302-3060

Hollander's
Decorative papers & bookbinding supplies
(734) 741-7531

Princess DESIGNS
Handcrafted jewelry and rock shop
(734) 663-2628

16 HANDS
Handcrafted. Heartfelt.
(734) 761-1110

MARKETS & EATERIES

DURHAM'S Tracklements
Nationally acclaimed smoked fish, meats & provisions
(734) 930-6642

everydaywines
Wines from around the world, at everyday prices
(734) 827-WINE

kosmo deli
Tasty, affordable American & Korean fare
(734) 668-4070

THE LUNCH ROOM
Delectable vegan dining
(734) 224-8859

MONAHAN'S
Nationally acclaimed fish, seafood market & lunch counter
(734) 662-5118

Sparrow Market
Deli counter, fresh produce, groceries homemade sausages, grass-fed beef & more
(734) 761-8175

SWEETWATERS.
Coffee, teas and pastries
(734) 622-0084

BUSINESSES

PURE VISIBILITY
Digital Marketing Experts
(888) 384-9062

Ann Arbor Observer

December 2013 vol. 38 • no. 4

Cover: *Nancy's Christmas Cactus.* Pastel painting by Laura Strowe.

features

29 Curbing the DDA
Council reins in the Downtown Development Authority.
James Leonard

33 Moving to Detroit
Young Ann Arborites chase their dreams in the poorest city in the U.S.
Eve Silberman

37 Caring CASAs
Helping wards of the court
James Leonard

41 Faces of the City
Susan Campbell and Humans of Ann Arbor *Shelley Daily*

departments

9 Up Front
Patrick Dunn, Anita LeBlanc, Sally Mitani, Jan Schlain, Eleanor Shelton, Jennifer Xu

11 Inside Ann Arbor
Jacob Axelrad, Tim Athan, Patrick Dunn, James Leonard, Debi McCarthy, Craig Ross, Jan Schlain

19 Outside
Bob & Jorja Feldman

21 Crime Map

23 Ann Arborites
Vickie Elmer

25 My Town
Lise Anderson, Kim Elsifor

55 Restaurant Reviews
Juicy Kitchen Cafe *M.B. Lewis*
Songbird Cafe *Lee Lawrence*

59 Marketplace Changes
Sally Mitani

103 Back Page
Sally Bjork & Jay Forstner

what's happening

64 Music at Nightspots
John Hinchey
Shows at the Ark, the Blind Pig, and more, plus a review of Captain Ivory

67 Events
John Hinchey, Katie Whitney, & Stephanie Douglass
Daily events in Ann Arbor during December, plus listings of Films, p. 77, new exhibits at local Galleries, p. 69 (with a review of the EMU show *Non-Text*), and reviews of TubaChristmas, the anthology *Poetry in Michigan/ Michigan in Poetry,* fiddler Kiana June Weber, and the Dr. Porter Synchronized Skating Classic.

104 Events at a Glance

advertising sections

44 Holiday Guide
96 Classifieds **102 Services**
97 Real Estate Section / Home Sales Map *Kevin Duke*
102 Advertiser Index

GANGER DERMATOLOGY

DISCOVER HOW WE CAN HELP YOU WITH YOUR SKIN CARE NEEDS.

NOT ONLY CAN WE TREAT A VARIETY OF SKIN CONDITIONS TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF YOUR SKIN, WE ALSO OFFER REJUVENATION PROCEDURES TO HELP YOU LOOK AND FEEL YOUR BEST.

▶ DR. LAURA GANGER Board Certified Dermatologist

We're moving (but not far)! In just under a year, we've outgrown our current office and found a great new location! Our expanded facility will now include a Comprehensive Skin Cancer Center, Laser Surgery Center, Advanced Medi-Spa, Skincare Education Center, and state-of-the-art Surgical Suites.

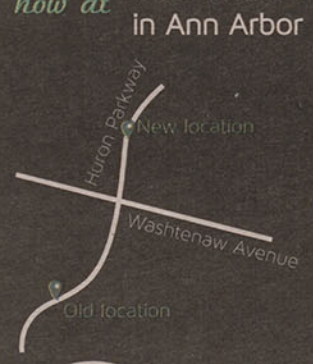
OUR RANGE OF SERVICES INCLUDES

GENERAL DERMATOLOGY
ACNE
DRY SKIN & ECZEMA
ROSACEA
SKIN CANCER CHECKS & TREATMENT
REMOVAL OF GROWTHS
SUN DAMAGE
LASER SURGERY *new*
SKINCARE EDUCATION CENTER *new*

COSMETIC DERMATOLOGY
AGING SKIN
SKIN COLOR ISSUES
UNWANTED HAIR
SCARS & STRETCH MARKS
LOOSE OR SAGGING SKIN
WRINKLES & FINE LINES
DAILY SKIN CARE REGIMENS
SPA TREATMENTS *new*

Our Botox, Filler, and Laser procedures are performed personally by a Board-Certified Dermatologist

now at 1979 Huron Pkwy in Ann Arbor



GANGER DERMATOLOGY

FREE COSMETIC CONSULTATION WITH THIS AD IN DECEMBER

Call today! (734) 344-4567
www.gangerdermatology.com

Realize the full benefits of entering today's high performing real estate market.

Start with an accurate assessment and a highly customized marketing plan.

As the Ann Arbor Area Board of Realtors 2012 Realtor of the Year award recipient, Alex Milshteyn is uniquely qualified to identify opportunity and manage exceptional results. Each assessment and marketing strategy is as unique as the individual's home and future plans.

Client relationships are confidential and based on exceeding desired results.

To learn more, please call Alex at (734) 417-3560 or email alex@alexmi.com.

ALEX MILSHTEYN, CRS, GRI, ABR

(734) 417-3560 | alex@alexmi.com | www.alexmi.com
Associate Broker | Howard Hanna Real Estate Services
1898 W. Stadium Blvd. | Ann Arbor, MI 48103

An exclusive affiliate of Christie's International Real Estate

UpFront

Sketchy shoppers: A recent *Forbes* article details a Secret Service sting operation against iBuy Express, a Taylor outfit that allegedly used "credit mules" to obtain thousands of cell phones for sale on the gray market. A former employee of the Briarwood Apple Store says that iBuy—which has not been criminally charged—was just a single player among many that have engaged in rampant reselling since the iPhone was introduced in 2007.

The former employee, who asked to be referred to only as "Samuel," says that things became particularly "sketchy" about two years ago. Samuel says certain customers returned to the store regularly, acting as handlers for groups of new phone buyers who were often "not in a sober mind-set." "Five or six people from Detroit or Wayne or one of the lower-income communities of southeast Michigan would come in, and there would be one person kind of telling them what to say and what to do," Samuel says.

Samuel says such activity was a daily occurrence, sometimes causing product shortages when new phones were released. However, short of government intervention like the iBuy bust—which seized more than 5,000 phones and $800,000 in cash—he says there wasn't much the store could do (store management declined comment for this story). "Our managers pretty much just told us to keep selling the phone," Samuel says. "The only time we had any say in it was if there was an ID that had expired or didn't match."

Degree in activism: Thanks to Kevin Mersol-Barg, undocumented Michigan residents will be eligible for in-state tuition starting in January. Inspired by a national immigration activist, Mersol-Barg organized the Coalition for Tuition Equality as a U-M junior. The group protested at several regents meetings, and he and others were arrested for blocking traffic in front of the Union, before the regents finally voted in July to adopt the policy, splitting 6–2 along party lines.

Mersol-Barg, who graduated in May, now works as a research assistant. He's applying to grad programs in public policy but admits, "I struggle so much to identify where I want to be." Only twenty-two, he's already feeling nostalgia for his days as an undergrad activist: "I don't know how I'm going to reconcile that I'm no longer going to have the type of power a student wields," he admits. "The administration must listen to you. You are the tuition-paying student who's attending classes."

Helping homeless youth: "If you ever buy a box of granola bars and you don't like the flavor, bring them by," says Jennifer Martin, social worker and director of the Education Project for Homeless Youth. On shelves around the perimeter of her small office at the Washtenaw Intermediate School District, school supplies share space with underwear, soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes, cans of soup, and boxes of granola bars.

A U-M intern is putting together a care package, Martin explains, for "a woman waiting out front with her mental health worker. They'll probably put her and her kids in a local motel. The shelters are full." As the intern packs some toiletries—"these aren't the kind of motels that supply those little bottles of shampoo"—Martin tells her to add a few cans of soup, too—"and don't forget a can opener."

The program originally focused on school supplies, but "it's pointless to hand a notebook to a kid who doesn't have a backpack to put it in," Martin says—or to give a backpack to a kid who doesn't have any socks. The granola bars are for older "unaccompanied youth … often they have a couch to crash on, but they often don't get regular meals."

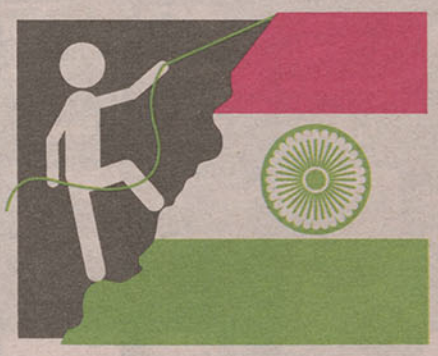
It's hard to say what's more staggering—the fact that Washtenaw County has more than 1,300 homeless kids, or that Martin's budget, which comes from state and federal sources, was cut in half this year while the number of homeless kids has more than doubled since 2009. In 2009, her budget was about $111 per child; this year, it's down to $35,145, or about $27 per kid.

"If anything good has come out of it, it's that we've been forced to turn to the community for help," Martin adds. She has put together an "angel network," and this month, she's trying to raise enough money to give each homeless kid a $25–35 holiday gift; anyone who'd like to help can reach her at jmartin@wash.k12.mi.us

Ascending India: It was a rare slip when Sujay Kawale lost his grip while climbing a difficult route at Planet Rock in October. Though his belayer caught him safely, many other climbers at the west-side gym were watching—and Mike Wilkinson got it all on video. The local videographer and passionate climber had a camera operator behind the wall and a GoPro camera at the top.

Wilkinson and Kawale, an automotive engineer, met at a climbers' meet-up at Planet Rock. Now they're collaborating on a video documenting Kawale's quest to bring their sport to India. "In India, fitness is not as big as it is in the U.S.," Kawale says. "I want to highlight the fun and adventure that rock climbing is and take advantage of the natural beauty of the country."

This month, Wilkinson will fly to India to record Kawale's presentation to the tourism board in his home state of Maharashtra, where funds have been set aside for recreational sports but never utilized.



Kawale's goal is to begin a movement that will not only encourage fitness but also healthier eating, less pollution, and environmental awareness.

Back at Planet Rock, Kawale tried the climb again, and this time made it to the top successfully. Wilkinson got that on video, too. He has yet to decide which version he'll use when he completes the documentary next year.

Wondering eyes: Is that a reindeer hiding in plain sight at the Fifth and William corner parking lot? "It's actually a gazelle," says Ed Wheeler, the maintenance manager for Republic Parking. "We've had it there for about four years."

The topiary was provided by Nature's Garden Center in Saline, which cares for the green space in the city's parking facilities. Owner Steve Sclater says that the star and flower topiaries that once accompanied "Rudolph" have since expired, as has a topiary dolphin that used to live in the Main and William lot. The real palm trees that grew in the same lot this summer are now in hiatus at an indoor location.

Wheeler and Sclater understand that where they see a gazelle, others see a reindeer. When a nearby rosebush is in bloom, "a lot of people put red roses in its nose to make it look like Rudolph," Wheeler says. This month, Sclater plans to put some extra seasonal bling in the fairy garden next to the Fourth and William parking structure and to deck Rudolph in festive holiday gear. Probably not boughs of holly, though—they'd be lost among his natural greenery. ■

ILLUSTRATIONS: TABITHA WALTERS

We're happy keeping your pets happy.

Pet sitting.
Dog walking.
Vacation care.
Home boarding.

Serving Ann Arbor since 2004.

PEACEABLE PETS ANIMAL CARE, LLC

Robin Peterson, Owner
Bonded and insured

See our professional qualifications & rates at www.peaceablepets.com

734.846.0012 | robin@peaceablepets.com

JESSICA'S SKIN & BODY APOTHECARY

Gift Card Specials
in store during December

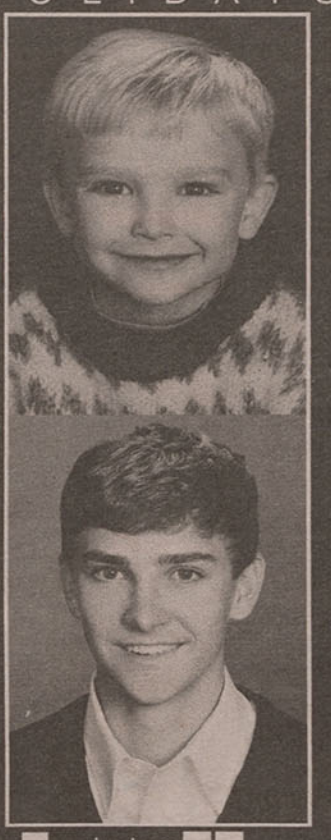
Also for the Holiday Season…

Jessica's Salt Scrub Gift Sets
Jessica's Body Oil Sampler Sets

- Specialty Skin Care Store & Spa
- Organic & Pharmaceutical Grade Skin Care
- Massage, Body Wraps & Scrubs
- Waxing & Mineral Makeup

Online gift cards available
jessicasapothecary.com
734.545.4303 301 N. Fifth Ave.

HOLIDAYS



john shultz PHOTOGRAPHY
734-665-5988
206 S. Main, Ann Arbor
www.johnshultzphoto.com
www.johnshultzart.com
johnshultzphoto.blogspot.com
Gift Certificates Available

Thank You to Our Clients

Our success is driven by our hard-work, knowledge and commitment.

Jim Chaconas, CCIM
Direct: 734 769 5005
jim.chaconas@colliers.com

Brendan Cavender
Direct: 734 769 5007
brendan.cavender@colliers.com

Debi Maghes
Direct: 734 769 5004
debi.maghes@colliers.com

Richard Timmons
Direct: 734 769 5006
richard.timmons@colliers.com

Max Goldman
Direct: 248 226 1608
max.goldman@colliers.com

Colliers International

400 E. Washington, Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Colliers INTERNATIONAL

Council's New Majority

The tide has gone out on the council majority of seven-term mayor John Hieftje.

When Republican Ingrid Sheldon decided not to seek reelection in 2000, Hieftje, a first-year councilmember, ran for mayor and won. Within five years, council's last Republicans switched parties, giving Democrats complete control.

On paper, that dominance lasted until 2011, when Republican-turned-independent Jane Lumm defeated Republican-turned-Democrat Stephen Rapundalo. In reality, Hieftje's majority began to crack in 2007, when Mike Anglin beat Wendy Woods in a Democratic primary. Steve Kunselman in 2009, Sumi Kailasapathy in 2012, and Jack Eaton in 2013 each replaced a Hieftje ally.

If anyone still doubted that the true divide on council is between supporters and opponents of the mayor, they disappeared this year. In Lumm's reelection campaign, Democrats Anglin, Kunselman, Kailasapathy, and Eaton all endorsed the independent over fellow Democrat (and Hieftje supporter) Kirk Westphal.

Sally Peterson also beat a Hieftje loyalist, in 2012. When she votes with the rest, they'll have a majority on the eleven-member council. But Peterson broke ranks this year when she voted to approve a controversial fourteen-story building at 413 East Huron, and she endorsed neither Lumm or Westphal. She's now the swing vote.

With the addition of Eaton, the new majority wasted no time exercising its power: in November, the mayor acquiesced to Kunselman's proposed cap on the Downtown Development Authority's tax revenue (see "Curbing the DDA," p. 29). Though the limit won't take effect until 2016, over the long run it should free up some money to achieve a goal widely shared by the new majority: reversing some of the Hieftje-era staff cuts. Eaton, for example, says he "supports increasing firefighter staffing to achieve nationally accepted fire response times" and "increased police staffing to allow for proactive community policing."

To pay for the added staff, Eaton says he favors "budgeting by objective, spending money first on the top priority. This year there was an increase in property tax revenue, and I would have taken a fair portion of the extra money to public safety." If that and the new revenue diverted from the DDA isn't enough, he supports Lumm's 2012 proposal to lay off probation officers to hire cops, "or if not from there, then we could look to the IT department or the city attorney's office."

As councilmembers negotiate the new balance of power, a complicating factor is that several also are jockeying for Hieftje's job. Kunselman has declared his candidacy, and Peterson, Third Ward rep Christopher Taylor, and First Ward rep Sabra Briere have all said they're considering running.

Though the cap on the DDA's income won't start till 2016, over the long run it should free up some money to spend on a goal widely shared by the new majority: reversing some of the Hieftje-era staff cuts.

A final complication: Peterson and Taylor are both up for re-election next year. If they choose to run for mayor instead, they'll leave their seats open to all comers.

MARK BIALEK

Bill Martin and Marsha Chamberlin with a few pieces from First Martin's much-expanded art collection.

Ann Arbor Art

Bill Martin says he just wanted to find a way to support local artists.

Back in 1987, the developer worked with Marsha Chamberlin, then president of the Ann Arbor Art Center, to commission sixteen paintings of local scenes. A year ago, as his business, First Martin Corporation, prepared to celebrate its forty-fifth year, Martin decided to expand the collection to forty-five.

He again called on Chamberlin, now an independent art consultant. Martin says he didn't have any preconceived ideas about the new pieces he wanted, other than that they had to be Ann Arbor scenes done by Michigan artists: "Marsha was the one who was the talent director."

Chamberlin built a database of more than 500 artists, contacted them all, and opened a Facebook page to spread the word. She says "eighty to eighty-five" responded with a resume and five samples of their work.

Three judges—Chamberlin, local artist Julia Jickling, and First Martin VP Bob Gates—whittled the list down to twenty-three. Each was asked which three Ann Arbor scenes they'd most like to paint. The committee assigned each artist one or more scenes and asked them to submit sketches, along with the proposed medium, size, and price of the work. The asking prices ranged from $800 to $8,000. To avoid breaking Martin's budget, some prices were negotiated.

By May of this year, Chamberlin's Liberty Loft condo was filled with sketches for Martin to review. Some were almost like finished paintings, some were very rough sketches, and one was a torn-paper collage. Martin gave his approval and the artists went to work.

The collection includes a gorgeous pastel of Argo Cascades by Observer cover artist Laura Strowe—"she waited until the black-eyed susans were in bloom," says Chamberlin. Jill Wagner painted Washtenaw Dairy, Marty Walker took on the Rock at Washtenaw and Hill, and WanChuan Kesler did a haunting rendering of Nickels Arcade. Other scenes include Martin's own First National Building and the Big House at night—Martin oversaw its renovation during his ten years as U-M athletic director.

Martin says he's spent close to $100,000 on the project. By early November, a relieved Chamberlin reported, all the works were finished and stored in an empty condo in Liberty Lofts.

The new pieces—along with reproductions of some of the earlier ones—will be on display at the Art Center's second-floor gallery through December 22. Once the show ends, Gates emails, "they'll be scattered about the buildings in First Martin's portfolio."

AnnArborObserver.com
Ann Arbor online
Better than ever.

dansko
DANSKO.COM

WISHING YOU HAPPY HOLIDAYS
AND A COMFORTABLE NEW YEAR

MAST
SHOES

Located in the Westgate Shopping Center | (734) 662–8118 | 2517 Jackson Ave., Ann Arbor MI 48103 | www.mastshoes.com

COURTESY EAT THE HUB

As a partner in Cheese Dream and the Beet Box, Alex Perlman already has two tenants lined up for his latest project: a winter food cart court on South U.

Eat the Hub

Healthy food carts come to South University.

Each day legions of students dash back and forth along South U. Some are heading to class. Others seek the warmth of coffee shops, anxious for their next caffeine fix. Still, they all need to eat.

In March 2012, Alex Perlman started a food cart called the Beet Box with fellow students Dan Morse and Kay Feker. Inspired by the healthy cuisine Feker, the head chef, grew up with in Laguna Beach, it's operated at Mark's Carts for the past two summers.

All three founders have since graduated. Morse and Feker left Ann Arbor, though they remain involved in the business. But Perlman chose to devote his post-grad year to creating his own food cart yard, working with current U-M student Noah Hoffman. They're calling it Eat the Hub. And they're doing it in the winter.

"In Ann Arbor the season for food carts, ironically, is at the same time as Ann Arbor's population is smallest," Perlman points out. "From a business perspective it's actually quite illogical."

Perlman said they didn't need to think hard about where the food carts should go. "As a college student who lived on Washtenaw and Observatory for three years, I had to go down South U every day," he says. "There was no choice. I also had to eat on South U every single day."

The Beet Box, which sells vegetarian-friendly fast food, grew out of a U-M sustainability class. Through the same class, Perlman met a broker who's a member of the South University Area Association. When Perlman wanted a space closer to campus for the Beet Box and Cheese Dream, a grilled cheese food truck he also co-owns, the broker introduced him to the owner of the vacant lot at 1215 South University, next door to University Towers. The house that originally stood there, still remembered by many as the former home of Pinball Pete's video arcade, burned down in 2009. Now the Beet Box and Cheese Dream carts are parked there on a layer of fresh gravel, and Perlman hopes to attract as many as four more.

The goal of Eat the Hub, he says, is high-quality food *and* fast service. "Not many other types of food establishments can do slow food so fast," Perlman says of the carts. "We're going to be pushing off food in to-go containers so people can take it into group meetings, into class, as well as take it home."

To persuade customers to brave the elements, he'll be providing heaters, free coffee, and music. When Eat the Hub closes at the end of the school year in May, Perlman will hit the road, touring Michigan in a renovated school bus that doubles as a kitchen. He'll be back in the fall to enter a master's program in entrepreneurship offered jointly through the Ross School of Business and the College of Engineering.

He doesn't know if his culinary career will extend beyond that, but he hopes to set a precedent for future food-cart installations in Ann Arbor.

"You make sacrifices to eat good food," he said. "Especially when it's fun and it's fast and it's fresh."

Hoops Forecast

A year ago, who'd have guessed that Ann Arbor might become a basketball town?

Last fall, no one anticipated Brady Hoke's football team would look so woeful this season. And certainly no one predicted Michigan basketball's climb to the national championship game in April.

The concern raised in the Observer's preseason feature last fall—that the basketball team had, perhaps, too much talent—proved groundless. Early last season, it became clear that coach John Beilein had his talent in sync. The Wolverines weren't just good and deep. They were often breathtakingly elegant—one good pass leading to an even better one.

Michigan rolled out to a best-ever 16–0 start and then struggled a bit in the incredibly difficult Big Ten, the best conference in the country. The Wolverines finished 12–6 in the conference, but it was certain, by season's end, that Beilein's team could play with anyone.

In the NCAA tournament they did, and the fans responded. Hours before the final was telecast at the Crisler Center, lines

POUR ON THE GIFTS THIS YEAR.
Fustini's has a great selection of fun, flavorful gifts for anyone on your list, from corporate and hostess gifts to presents for friends and family.
FUSTINI'S
KERRYTOWN MARKET & SHOPS • 407 N. 5TH AVE. • ANN ARBOR
Visit us online at FUSTINIS.COM for more info and great gift ideas!
The first-ever BMW 4 Series
501 Auto Mall Drive
Ann Arbor, MI 48103
855-297-4184
The Ultimate Driving Machine®
Competitive Pricing & Top-Notch Customer Service
Designed for Driving Pleasure
Special lease and finance offers available through BMW Financial Services
The all new
BMW 4 Series Coupe
Service now open Saturday 8am-3pm
501 Auto Mall Dr. • Ann Arbor • 855-297-4184
www.BMWofAnnArbor.com

Holiday Shopping at BIVOUAC

MARC BY MARC JACOBS
TOKYO MILK
HANKY PANKY

THE NORTH FACE
BLACK DIAMOND

VINEYARD VINES

PATAGONIA

PATAGONIA

CANADA GOOSE

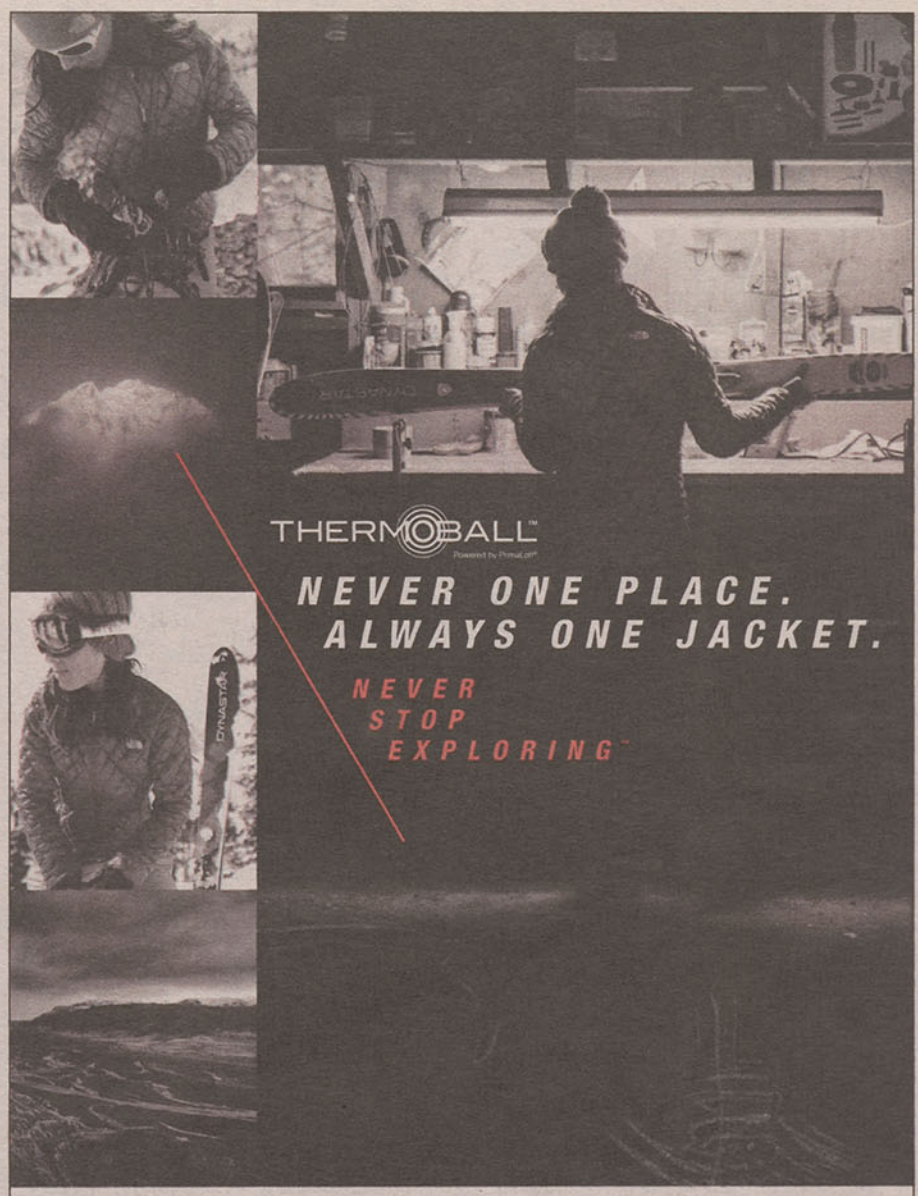
JOHN & JEN

BIVOUAC

OUTDOOR PASSION MEETS INDOOR FASHION

336 s. state street, ann arbor, mi 48104 | ph. 734.761.6207
mon - fri: 10-9 | sat: 10-7 | sun: 12-5

www.BivouacAnnArbor.com



MEN'S THERMOBALL VEST
$149.00

WOMEN'S THERMOBALL VEST
$149.00

WOMEN'S THERMOBALL
FULL ZIP JACKET
$199.00

MEN'S THERMOBALL
FULL ZIP JACKET
$199.00

BIVOUAC

Outfit your life.
Locally owned & operated

336 S. State Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48104
(734) 761-6207 • bivouacannarbor.com

STORE HOURS
Mon-Fri: 10 am - 9 pm
Sat: 10 am - 7 pm | Sun: 12 am - 5 pm

meandered past the football stadium and out onto Main Street. Not a single seat was empty as the Wolverines finally lost to a terrific Louisville team in a close battle.

Trey Burke and Tim Hardaway, the stars of that team, went in the first round of the NBA draft. Freshmen Mitch McGary and Glenn Robinson III might have gone early, too, but both chose to return this year.

Trey Burke and Tim Hardaway, the stars of last year's team, went in the first round of the NBA draft. Freshmen Mitch McGary and Glenn Robinson III might have gone early, too, but both chose to return this year.

Once again, the U-M will be tangling in the best conference. But the prospects are reasonable, at least. McGary was one of the best centers in the country by the end of last season. For a big man, he has an uncanny ability to see the court. And though Hardaway will be missed, his absence allows GR3 to slide down from power forward to what many feel is his more natural position at small forward; few teams will have a defender who can check his inside and outside games. Plus, Glenn gives Michigan the flexibility to go large or small. Beilein now has a lot of size and a lot of different directions to go.

Caris LeVert, who grew to six-foot-six in the offseason, will see primary minutes at all of the perimeter positions, and, in the early going, he has proven to have a rounded game. He's backed up by frosh Zak Irvin, the best high school player in Indiana last year. Nik Stauskus is Michigan's primary two guard. Already a shooter with handling and passing skills, the Canadian has worked on getting more consistent in taking the ball to the hole and becoming a stronger and a better defender. If he can do all that, there may not be any better shooting guard in the country.

But college ball is a point guard's game, and Spike Albrecht is not quite as dynamic a playmaker as Burke and Darius Morris were, nor as comfortable generating his own shot. Also unclear is how fast freshman Derrick Walton can progress, particularly on defense and organizing the team in the half court. It appears Walton will get the first chance to run the team, and he is quick and good. But he isn't what Burke was last year.

Other worries: Mitch McGary's back was hurting before the season began, and the course of back injuries is hard to predict. Many also argue that Robinson has to become more aggressive. But a significant part of U-M's success last year was precisely because he was a master at letting the game come to him. If Glenn tries to do more, the team may do less.

The biggest unknown is how it will all fit together without last year's leaders. Michigan, ranked No. 7 in the nation at season's start, could win the Big Ten, but more likely will finish second to Michigan State—which beat Kentucky in November to become No.1 in the country—or maybe third. They will make a tournament run but, given their inexperience, the Sweet Sixteen is about as good as it will get.

Snowbirds

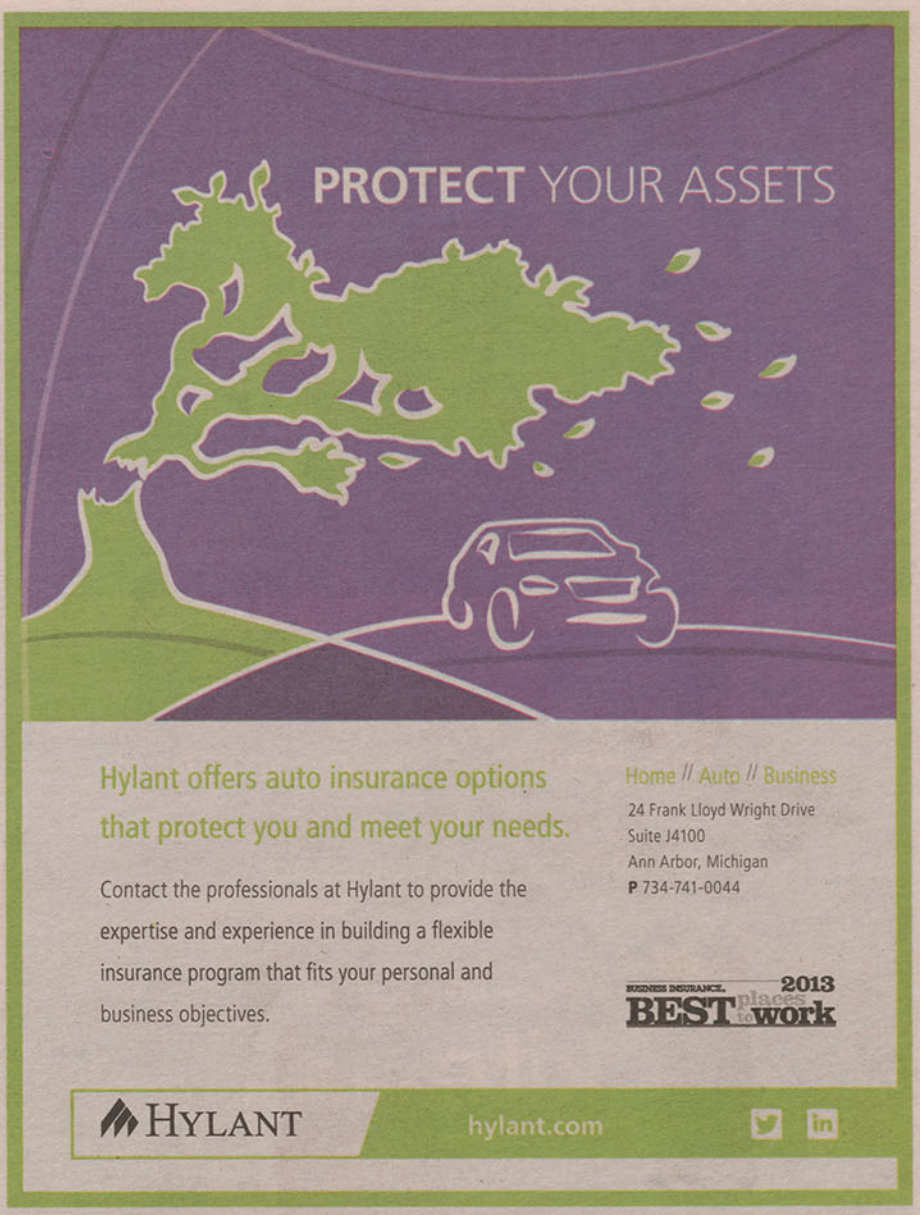
There's a "meteoric rise in the numbers of turkeys we've been finding lately," says Jacco Gelderloos, who compiles local data for the Audubon Christmas Bird Count.

The count has been going on for 114 years, making it the longest-running citizen science survey in the world. Washtenaw County birders have taken part since 1940, but the volunteers didn't see a single turkey until 1989. Last year, they counted forty-three.

"There are a number of species that you think of as common that really didn't used to be," says Gelderloos, such as northern cardinals, southeastern birds which were rare in the 1960s and are now seen in the hundreds during the CBC, as

COURTESY MIKE SEFTON

Mike Sefton and Ray Stocking brave the elements during the Audubon Society's Christmas Bird Count. The world's longest-running citizen science project finds several species moving north as the climate warms.


PROTECT YOUR ASSETS
Hylant offers auto insurance options that protect you and meet your needs.
Contact the professionals at Hylant to provide the expertise and experience in building a flexible insurance program that fits your personal and business objectives.
Home // Auto // Business
24 Frank Lloyd Wright Drive
Suite J4100
Ann Arbor, Michigan
P 734-741-0044
BUSINESS INSURANCE 2013 BEST places to work
HYLANT
hylant.com

Mercedes-Benz of Ann Arbor
TRUE PRICE INFORMED. ACCURATE. TRUSTED.
COMPETITIVE PRICING & TOP-NOTCH CUSTOMER SERVICE
The All New 2014
CLA-CLASS
Starting at,
$29,900
SERVICE NOW OPEN SATURDAY 8AM - 3PM
570 AUTO MALL DR. • ANN ARBOR • 855-312-4660
www.MercedesofAnnArbor.com

VIE: FITNESS & SPA
Vie Fitness & Spa at Arbor Hills will be the first studio in Ann Arbor to hold weekly ViPR classes! ViPR is the fun new way to strengthen your body through movement in a dynamic class setting. See viprfit.com.
We will be hosting a ViPR weekend workshop in January. If you would like more information, please contact Lauren@viefit.com for details.
opening in January
ARBOR HILLS
3050 Washtenaw Ave.
734.677.7800
viefit.com
ViPR

When you are grieving, the Holidays seem empty...
You don't have to cope alone, the kite network offers one-to-one grief support for adults struggling with any type of loss, free of charge.
We can help you heal.
the kite network℠
LIFT • LOVE • LIVE
734.975.0238
thekitenetwork.org
Ann Arbor, MI

coolsculpting
TRANSFORM YOUR BODY
WITHOUT SURGERY OR DOWNTIME.
Reveal the real you with CoolSculpting.
CoolSculpting is the non-surgical body contouring treatment that freezes and naturally eliminates fat from your body. No needles, no surgery and best of all, no downtime. Developed by Harvard scientists, CoolSculpting is FDA-cleared, safe and clinically proven. We will develop your customized plan so you can say goodbye to stubborn fat!
BEFORE
8 WEEKS AFTER COOLSCULPTING® TREATMENT (-6 pounds)
ANN ARBOR PLASTIC SURGERY
annarborplasticsurgery.com
Call us today at 734-913-5100 to schedule your consultation.
Transformation starting at $700.
Buy one treatment and the second is 1/2 off*

are red-bellied woodpeckers and, in much smaller numbers, Carolina wrens.

What birders are seeing in Ann Arbor reflects national trends. Based on CBC data from the past forty years, 200 North American bird species have shifted their range northward an average of thirty-five miles due to warmer temperatures. Helped by a reintroduction program and their ability to live near developed areas, wild turkeys are now found 400 miles north of their former range.

On December 21, about seventy volunteers will count every bird they see or hear within a fifteen-mile circle of Maple Road and Huron River Drive. Mike Sefton, one of the area leaders, has devoted the third Saturday in December to the CBC for the past fifteen years. Asked why, he talks about the thrill of finding unusual birds and the importance of the CBC's population data to conservationists. While turkeys are increasing, development and reforestation of open fields have reduced the numbers of grassland species such as northern bobwhite and ring-necked pheasant. More mature forests, on the other hand, have probably contributed to the arrival of pileated woodpeckers, first counted here four years ago, and the barred owl, which has been seen at other times but not yet recorded on the CBC.

Another area leader, sixteen-year-old Sarah Toner, will be out at 6:30 a.m. looking for owls before the main count. She started birding eight years ago after hearing a talk by a local naturalist. She is one of six dedicated local young birders who are eagerly sought after by the more mature counters, partly for their better eyesight and hearing. While Washtenaw Audubon may be a little top-heavy in geezers, it encourages young birders by providing rides when their parents aren't participating, treating them as equals, and giving scholarship money for birding camps. Sefton makes it a point to pair experienced birders with newcomers and designs routes to maximize sightings.

At the end of the day, everyone gathers at a potluck to share stories, get warm, and turn in their data. Last year, they spotted 25,875 birds from seventy-eight different species; this year, they'd like to do better.

question corner

Q. Black squirrels are predominant (or perhaps exclusive) in Ontario. A Canadian friend recently stated that she had heard that they have "crossed over" into Michigan. Do you know the magnitude of this black squirrel migration?

A. Black squirrels are a variant of the Eastern gray squirrel—the gene for the black coat is recessive. The black variety has recently become more common in Ann Arbor.

Scientists aren't sure why. Squirrel survival rates depend upon complex combinations of factors, including weather, terrain, and predator populations. Squirrels can potentially live as long as eight years, but in the wild, the average lifespan is only seven months. As a result, the populations we see can change rapidly.

calls & letters

Hannah Lee, Community Scholar

Our November Up Front on the reopening of the U-M's East Quad misidentified a student speaker at the event. "I am not actually in the RC and East Quad was not only built for the RC," Hannah Lee emailed. "I am part of the Michigan Community Scholars Program that also resides in East Quad. We are passionate about social justice, community service, and diversity … Together we foster a strong community in the dorm that then expands to the city of Ann Arbor."

Bob Randall

"Great article about Washtenaw Airport by Nick Marsh [Then & Now, November]," Deborah Randall Fisher emailed. "I'd like to clarify a couple of points. My father, Bob Randall (not Bill Randel) started out leasing a hangar in the late 1950's for his aircraft repair business. Later he bought two shares of the airport from Jim Mynning and Jim Poulter. He rebuilt Bill Barber's 1941 Curtis Wright Falcon, and worked on his own Stinson 1083. I spent many weekends at Young Field as a little girl, watching Dad work on the Stinson, as other aviators flew in and out, including Ann Pellegreno. She later flew around the world, retracing Amelia Earhart's flight plan from 1937. Bob Randall sold his share of the airport in 1962, but still has his flight log book which lists November 6, 1962 as his last flight at Young Field. As a result of Mr. Marsh's article, Jim Mynning and Bob Randall had a long phone chat, reconnecting after 50 years."

BurgerFi's in U Towers

A November Marketplace Changes item placed a new restaurant in the wrong campus high-rise. BurgerFi is in University Towers on South University *not* Tower Plaza on E. William.

V

DISCOVER YOUR VIE SPOT

January
Grand Opening
at Arbor Hills

VIE: FITNESS & SPA

DOWNTOWN ANN ARBOR ARBOR HILLS

PURCHASE A PACKAGE *before the Grand Opening and receive* 20% OFF

promotion valid exclusively at arbor hills location

ViPR • Tower Classes • NY Authentic Pilates • Personal Training • Yoga
Hip Hop Fit • Arms & Abs • Barre Intensity • Private Stretching • Nutrition Consultation

downtown only: Spinning • Raw Juice & Smoothie Bar • Retail Boutique
Massage • Nail Care • Waxing • Facials

DOWNTOWN ANN ARBOR
209 S. Ashley St
734.665.2156

opening in January
ARBOR HILLS
3050 Washtenaw Ave.
734.677.7800

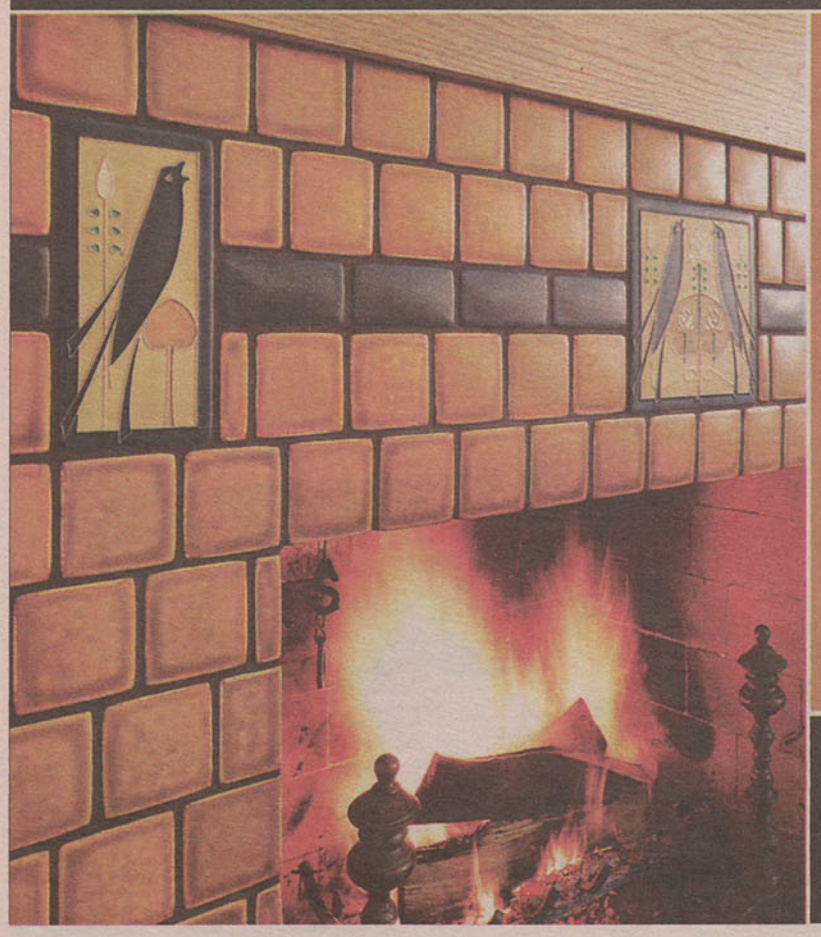
viefit.com

FREE PARKING!

MOTAWI TILEWORKS

Tile Overrun Sale

ONE DAY ONLY. SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 10AM–3PM



Gift Tile Seconds
50% Off Retail!

Field Tile Overruns
85% Off Retail!

Great Events All Day Long!

- Free make-a-tile workshop
- Tile Tales with Nawal Motawi
- Hand-pressing and bulb-glazing demos
- Door prizes, free snacks, and surprises!

Please note that our retail studio will be closed on Friday, December 6, and Monday, December 9.

Improved checkout means shorter lines!

Bring this coupon to receive

25% OFF

ANY ONE TILE*

*Discount applies to in-stock, full retail price, first-quality tile. Limit one coupon per person, please.

Come early for the best selection!
170 Enterprise Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103
734.213.0017 | www.motawi.com

DECEMBER IN THE ANN ARBOR PARKS

Ann Arbor Farmers Market is open Wednesdays and Saturdays, 7 a.m.–3 p.m. Join us for the last Wednesday market of 2013 on Dec. 18! **www.a2gov.org/market.** 315 Detroit St. Call 734.794.6255.

Master Swim at Mack Indoor Pool. **Session 2**: Nov. 4 to Jan. 11. Call for fees: Monday - Friday, 5:45 to 7:15 a.m.; Monday – Friday, 6:30 to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 7:30 to 9 a.m. 715 Brooks St. Call 734.794.6237 to register.

Sign up for Session II of our Learn-to-Skate and Beginner Hockey at Veterans Memorial Indoor Ice Arena. **www.a2gov.org/parks**. Nov. 7 to Jan. 24 (8 classes). $72 resident/$90 nonresident. No classes Dec. 24 to Jan. 4, 2014. 2150 Jackson Rd. Call 734.794.6235.

Splash Days at Mack Indoor Pool. Splash Days are a Sunday afternoon of special games, activities and prizes both in and out of the pool. Join us from 2 to 4 p.m. All activities and prizes are included in the cost of admission Dec. 15 and 29. 715 Brooks St. Call 734.794.6237.

Public Skating at Buhr Park Outdoor Ice Arena. Our public skating season runs Sunday, 3:15 to 5:30 p.m.; Tuesday, 7:45 to 8:45 p.m. (half price and broom ball); Wednesday, 4:45 to 5:45 p.m. (half price and broom ball) and 7:15 to 8:45 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, 7:15 to 8:45 p.m.; Saturday, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. and 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. **www.a2gov.org/buhr**. 2751 Packard Rd. Call 734.794.6234.

American Red Cross Learn to Swim lessons at Mack Indoor Pool. Group lessons are offered for children ages six months through adult beginners. Class size is limited. Ability requirements must be honored unless prior instructor approval is granted. Visit www.a2gov.org/mack for swim level dates/times. Session 2: Tuesdays, now to Dec. 17; Saturdays, now to Dec. 21; Sundays, Nov. 3 – Dec. 22. **www.a2gov.org/parks**. $45 resident/$55 nonresident except level 4: $55 resident/$70 nonresident. 715 Brooks St. 734.794.6237.

Water aerobics at Mack Indoor Pool. New this season, we will be offering water aerobics for swimmers and non-swimmers alike. Everyone is welcome to our ramp-entry accessible pool. Fees: $55 resident/$70 nonresident. Session 2: Tuesdays, now to Dec. 17, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; Saturdays, now to Dec. 21, 9 to 10 a.m. & 10 to 11 a.m. 715 Brooks St. Call 734.794.6237.

Funky Frosty Fridays at Buhr Outdoor Ice Arena. The first Friday of each month during general skate from 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. Skate to themed music/dress up to win prizes for best costume! Dec. 6: Disco Skate. Bring out your bell bottoms & skate to the music of the 70's.

School Break Skating at Buhr Ice Arena. Additional public skating sessions will be held the following days: Dec. 23, 24, 26 to 31 from noon to 2 p.m. www.a2gov.org/buhr. 2751 Packard Rd. Call us at 734.794.6234.

Veterans Memorial Indoor Ice Arena Events. Frosty on Ice Skate (all ages). Dec. 15, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Skate with Frosty. Free candy canes, meet/greet and pictures with Frosty. 2150 Jackson Rd. Marathon Skates at Veterans. Tuesdays, Dec. 24 and 31, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. General admission. Come and go as you wish for just one price. All ages welcome. 2150 Jackson Rd.

Parks&Recreation
CITY OF ANN ARBOR

ANN ARBOR PARKS & RECREATION
TO REGISTER CALL 734.794.6230
WWW.A2GOV.ORG/PARKS
TAG US WHEN YOU'RE IN THE PARKS!
INSTAGRAM.COM/ANNARBORPARKS

Vacation Skating at Veterans Indoor Ice Arena. During the Ann Arbor Public Schools winter vacations, public skating is offered Monday to Friday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Also Dec. 23 – 11:10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Dec. 24 – 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 26 – 11 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.; Dec. 27 – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Dec. 30 – 11:10 to 1 p.m.; Dec. 31 – 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Jan. 2 – 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Jan. 3 – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 2150 Jackson Rd. 734.794.6235.

BOB FELDMAN

The River in Winter

Go see the swans.

Clarity comes in winter. The trees shed their leaves, the breeze brushes the ground bare, and a quieter kind of beauty is painted in almost monochromatic earthy tones.

This clarity is particularly evident along the Huron River. Those of us without the proverbial paddle, much less a canoe or kayak, can see more of the river during winter than we can at any other time of the year. It is prime time to go on an exploratory trip, be it a twenty-minute scenic drive or, weather permitting, a river walk. The slower you travel, the more fruitful it will be.

Be ever mindful of other travelers when nature touring. The beauty of the outdoors should not blind us to the presence of our own species, in all of its manifestations. Though bike riders and pedestrians have their own path through Gallup and Bandemer parks, along Huron River Drive sharing the road is the order of the day.

In winter, the curvature of the river is more readily apparent, the twists and turns providing endless eye candy. When the temperature drops, patterns in the ice magically emerge, combining with any remaining open water to create original works of art on huge canvases lit by constantly changing winter skies.

Keep an eye on that open water for great white swans. At other seasons of the year, swans are found most easily at Barton Pond or Gallup Park and perhaps down at Foster Bridge, but in the winter these big birds, often in family groups, may be seen at many other spots along the river.

Keep an eye on that open water for great white swans. At other seasons of the year, swans are found most easily at Barton Pond or Gallup Park and perhaps down at Foster Bridge, but in the winter these big birds, often in family groups, may be seen at many other spots along the river.

The river, given some open water, is home to both invasive mute swans and native trumpeter swans. If you haven't already learned the difference, winter is a good time to catch up on your studies. Both species are photogenic, but the mute is larger and very much more the show-off, arching its wings over its back, S-curving its neck, and fanning its finery for all who care to see. It is unquestionably the cinematic star of the river. The adult has a large black knob at the base of its orange bill (which may be gray or pink in immature birds). By way of contrast, the adult trumpeter is smaller with a black bill.

The swan photograph accompanying this article was taken here last winter. What about this winter? Why not go see the swans?

—Bob & Jorja Feldman

WELLS FARGO ADVISORS

The World Has Changed

Has your investment plan changed with it?

If you are investing today like you were 3 years ago, you may be missing great investment opportunities or exposing yourself to undue risk.

Join **Brian Schrag CFP®** for a free discussion that will include:

- Investing for today's markets.
- How to track the progress to your goals.
- How is today different?

Joining Brian will be Michael Gottesman CIMA® CRPC® VP from Oppenheimer Funds with his unique perspective on today's investment world

The Chop House
322 S. Main Street, Ann Arbor, MI
Tuesday, December 10, 2013; 6:30 PM

Dinner will be served.
Space is limited, **RSVP** today to **Susan** at **723-668-4316**

Together we'll go far

Brian Schrag CFP®
Vice President—Investments
Financial Advisor
2723 S. State Street, Suite 320, Ann Arbor, MI 48104
734-668-4331 | Brian.Schrag@wellsfargoadvisors.com | www.bschrag.wfadv.com

This seminar is sponsored and financially supported by Oppenheimer Funds. This event is educational in nature - no mutual fund company specific products will be discussed.

Investment and Insurance Products: ▶ NOT FDIC Insured ▶ NO Bank Guarantee ▶ MAY Lose Value

Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC, Member SIPC, is a registered broker-dealer and a separate non-bank affiliate of Wells Fargo & Company. ©2012 Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC. All rights reserved.

ComericA Bank

Noon Year's Eve

hosted by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washtenaw County

FREE ADMISSION
OUTDOOR ICE RINK
ENTERTAINMENT AND FESTIVE FOODS

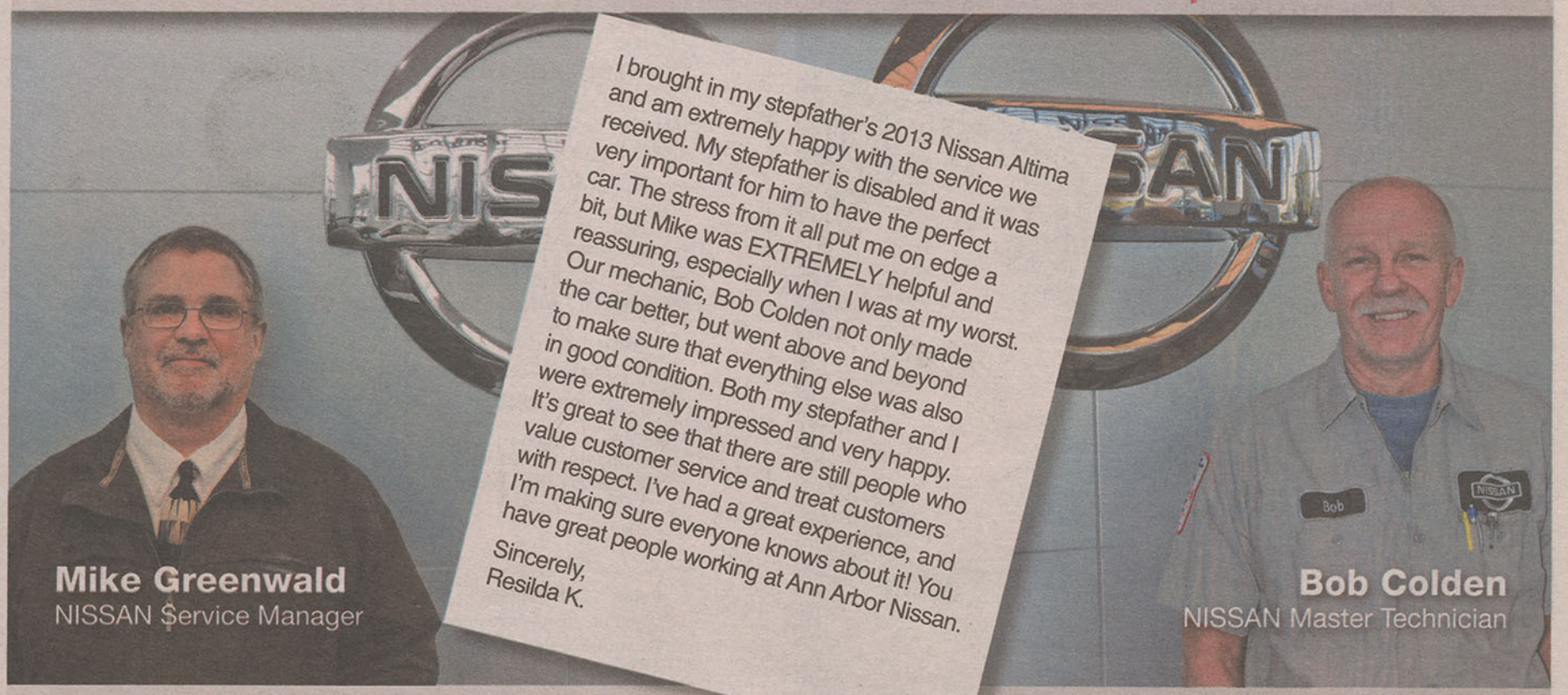
DECEMBER 31 | 10AM - 1PM | KERRYTOWN MARKET
Ice Rink and select Kerrytown Shops open til 5pm
SKATE RENTAL $5 | FAMILY SKATE RENTAL $15
Proceeds benefit BBBS of Washtenaw County
734-975-0933 | WWW.BBBSWASHTENAW.ORG

sponsored by: Kerrytown Market & Shops · DDA Ann Arbor · ComericA Bank

facebook.com/noonyearseve
Jennifer.Degregorio@bbbswashtenaw.org | 734-975-0933

Over 20 Years of Customer Love

LOVE ANN ARBOR AUTOMOTIVE



I brought in my stepfather's 2013 Nissan Altima and am extremely happy with the service we received. My stepfather is disabled and it was very important for him to have the perfect car. The stress from it all put me on edge a bit, but Mike was EXTREMELY helpful and reassuring, especially when I was at my worst. Our mechanic, Bob Colden not only made the car better, but went above and beyond to make sure that everything else was also in good condition. Both my stepfather and I were extremely impressed and very happy. It's great to see that there are still people who value customer service and treat customers with respect. I've had a great experience, and I'm making sure everyone knows about it! You have great people working at Ann Arbor Nissan.

Sincerely,
Resilda K.

Monthly Auto Tip To Keep You Safe:

Cold temperatures are not only hard on you; they're especially hard on your vehicle's battery. Statistics show that when the temperature drops to 32 degrees, a fully charged battery has only 2/3 of its cold cranking amp power available. To ensure that you or a family member is not left stranded in the cold, stop by for a complimentary battery test. **We want you to be safe.**

NISSAN

100% Electric • No-Gas
2013 LEAF S™

Zero Emission

$199/mo*

Come test drive & order yours today!

416422

*$199/month for 24 months plus tax, title, plates, doc and destination. 12,000 annual miles.

NISSAN

2014 Altima S

$199/mo*

215872

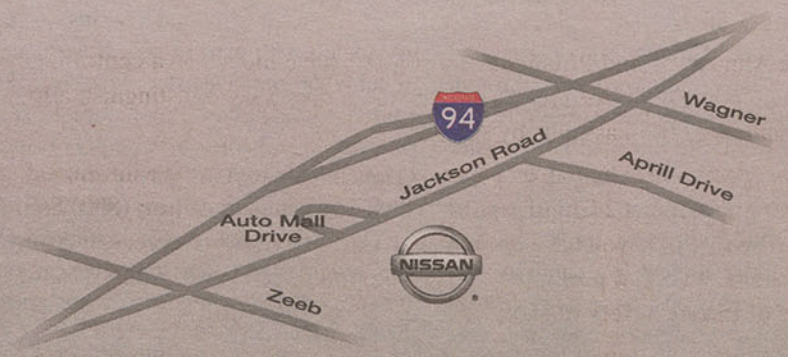
*$2399 due at signing, plus tax, title, plates, doc and destination. 36 month lease. 12,000 annual miles.

NISSAN®

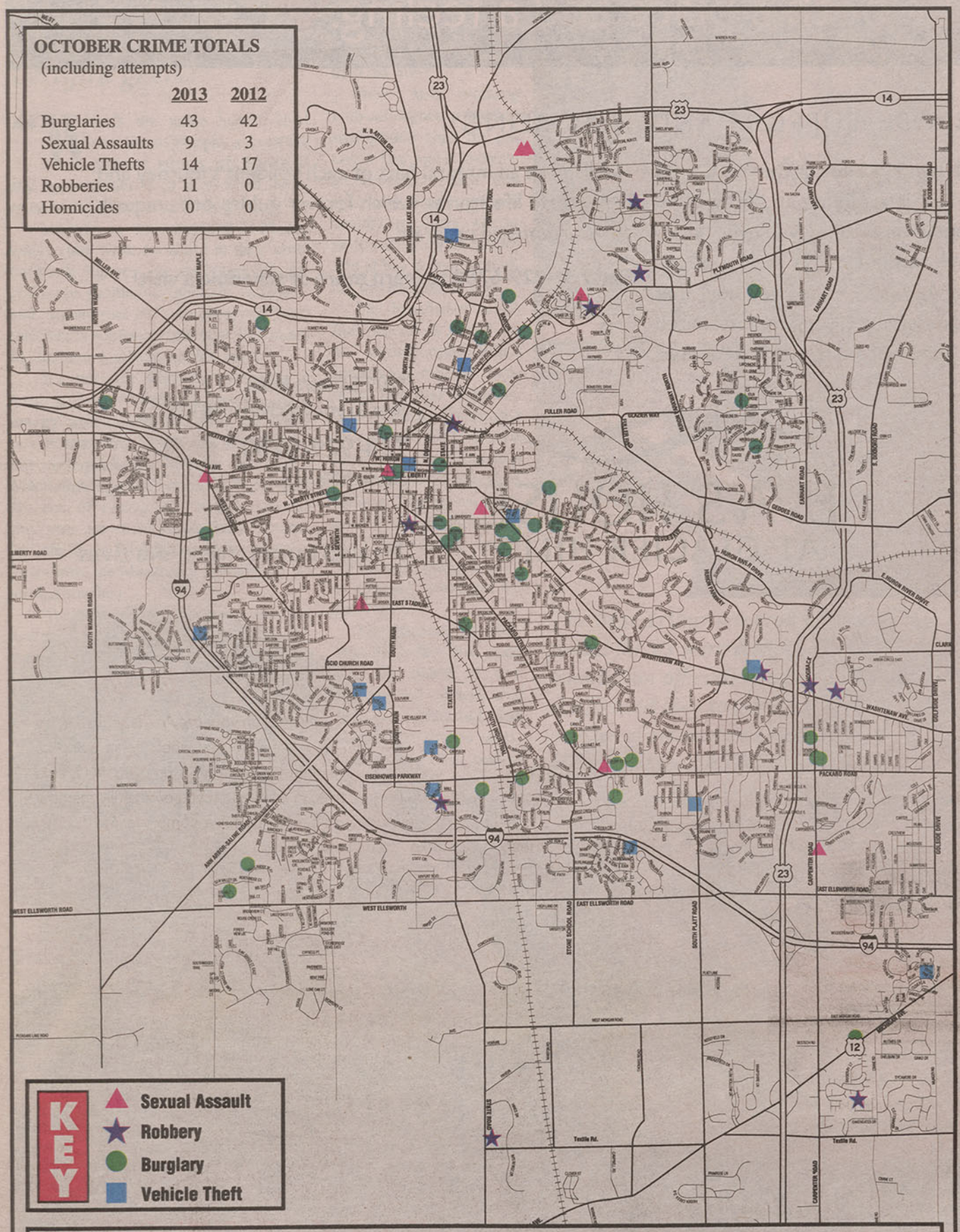
ANN ARBOR NISSAN

734.663.7770

www.annarbornissan.com



CrimeMap



These are the major crimes and attempted crimes at Ann Arbor addresses reported by the Ann Arbor Police Department and the public safety departments of the U-M and Pittsfield Township in **October 2013.** Placement is approximate.

The Ann Arbor and Pittsfield departments have moved to a centralized record-keeping system run by crimemapping.com. As a result, they no longer are able to distinguish crimes from attempts, or sexual assaults by acquaintances from assaults by strangers.

If you need police help in an emergency, call **911.** If you have information about a crime, call your police department's **anonymous 24-hour tip line: 996–3199 in Ann Arbor, (800) 863–1355 on campus,** or **944–1238 in Pittsfield Township.** If you have questions about a crime shown here, call **Ann Arbor Neighborhood Watch (994–8775, Mon.–Fri. 9 a.m.–4 p.m.),** the **U-M Department of Public Safety (763–1131),** or the **Pittsfield Township Department of Public Safety (944–4911).**

The box at the top of the map compares the number of crimes reported in October 2013 and October 2012.

clip this ad for
15% OFF
any item!*
Perfect for holiday gifting! We deliver to campus & Ann Arbor area.

Briarwood Mall Ctr Court
100 Briarwood Circle
Ann Arbor, MI 48109
(734) 996-0644
Mrs. Fields
© 2013 Mrs. Fields Franchising, LLC. All Rights Reserved.
*Expires 12/31/13. Not valid with any other offer. Only valid at Briarwood Mall location. No cash value. Taxes may apply.

Happy Holidays!
From your friends at

Pet 'N Play
Your Personal Pet Sitters
www.pet-n-play.com
info@pet-n-play.com (734) 913-2027
*Dog Walking *Pet Sitting *And More!

U-CUT-FIR, PINE & SPRUCE
Open 7 days, 10AM 'til DUSK
CLOSED THANKSGIVING
66th YEAR
Holtz
CHRISTMAS TREE PLANTATION
9381 Day Road near Maybee, MI
(734) 587-3155
Trees for higher ceilings (up to 20 ft. tall)
Directions: South on US-23 to exit 25. Right on Plank, 7 miles to Day Rd, turn left 3 miles to farm.
OE0067 20611

Smile with confidence®
$97 NEW PATIENT SPECIAL
Cleaning, Exam & Full Mouth X-rays*
(Regularly $360) *X-rays are Non-transferable (not valid if a gum infection is present)
Implants •Invisalign •Sedation
Cosmetic & Pediatric Dentistry
ARBOR DENTAL
2301 Platt Rd., Suite 200 Ann Arbor
734.975.0500
www.arbor-dental.com

Home can be both a place and a feeling.

A PLACE OF PURPOSE, SUPPORT AND WELL-BEING

Eva's House at Glacier Hills and The Life Enrichment Center introduces a new level of **assisted living** and **long-term care** dedicated to **memory care**. Here you will find a **Memory Supportive Environment** and a feeling of the familiar and of belonging. At Eva's House, we know that each resident is unique and deserving of support customized to their needs, their history, their interests, and their desires.

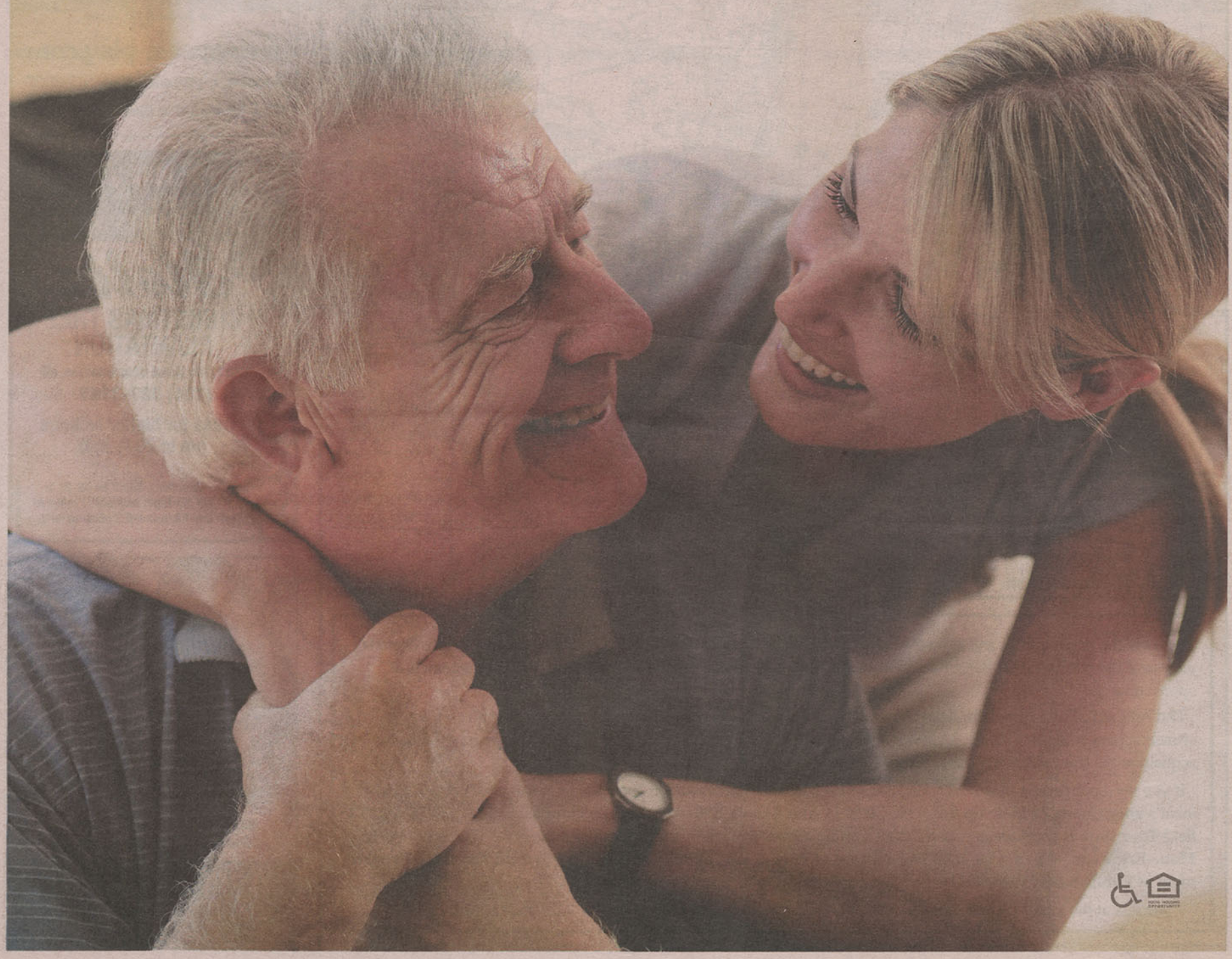
Families are an integral part of each resident's journey and help create life stories, which forever guides our uniquely person-centered program.

Call 734-929-6780 to learn more or schedule a visit!

EVA'S HOUSE
AT GLACIER HILLS

1200 Earhart Road
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105
734-929-6780
glacierhills.org

OPENING DOORS. TOUCHING LIVES.



Susan Murphy

Certified genius

"What's the game here?" U-M prof Susan Murphy asks as she projects strings of equations and approximations in a crowded classroom in the Dennison Building.

Students in this advanced U-M statistics class write furiously in their notebooks or laptops. As the professor explains the problem's "puissant variables" and "square root Ns," she observes, "Half the class is confused right now. I'm standing up here, and I can see the faces."

It's not just students who race to keep up with Murphy. A slender, high-energy woman who sweetens her statistics lectures with "y'all" and other Southern colloquialisms, Murphy received a MacArthur "genius" grant in September. As one of twenty-four people selected this year for their "exceptional creativity" she'll get $625,000 over the next five years from the MacArthur Foundation, no strings attached.

"It's been twenty-two years since the last statistician got it," Murphy notes. She figures she'll use most of the money to hire more grad students—but does plan to commemorate her MacArthur by buying a "totally cool statistics/probability clock" to place in her office.

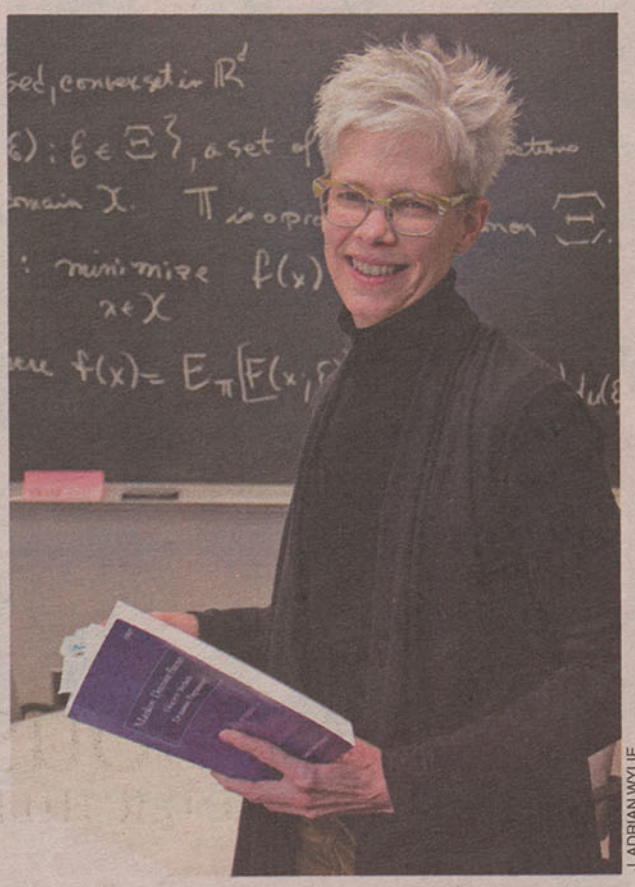
Murphy uses statistics to create powerful tools for treating people with chronic illnesses. It's important, difficult work that also requires an understanding of biomedicine and the ways physicians think about treatments. "Susan picked something bigger than herself, something that will have an impact on society," says statistics department chair Tailen Hsing. "It's quite amazing what she has done."

Her work at the U-M focuses on two main areas. First, she's developing ways to collect and analyze data to help clinicians make better decisions when treating people with conditions such as alcoholism or depression. The problem, she says, is "How do we make treatments match like a puzzle together so they're greater than the sum?"

She's also working with colleagues to develop smartphone apps for patients. The goal is to create an electronic "coach" that will help people achieve healthy outcomes, whether it's keeping an addiction at bay or just reminding them to take a walk.

The MacArthur selection process is famed for its secretiveness. When foundation officials contacted her, first by phone, then by email, she figured they wanted her to write a letter of recommendation for one of her postdoctoral fellows. (She writes about four a month during the fall.) She called, asked, "What am I going to have to do now?"—and got the good news.

The statistics on Murphy: She's fifty-five years old, the oldest of five sisters, and stands five feet five inches tall. She teaches one or two statistics courses each semester, and, with her grad students and post docs, pushes ahead her research.



J. ADRIAN WYLIE

The MacArthur selection process is famed for its secretiveness. When foundation officials contacted Murphy, she figured they wanted her to write a letter of recommendation for one of her postdoctoral fellows.

"She's from a family of workaholics, and she carries on the tradition very well," says her sister Nancy Allbritton, a biophysicist at the University of North Carolina. "When we go on family vacations, Susan comes, but she's often working for a good half of the day." At Christmas, the sisters gather in the Baton Rouge area, where their father, eighty, still works as a veterinarian.

They grew up in a small town in rural "Lusiana," as Murphy says it. She was good at math, but really liked sewing and cooking too: "When I was in junior high, I was in advanced placement for sewing and advanced placement for math." Allbritton says her sister not only combined smarts with fashion sense, she was also highly sociable. "She was one of those people—you always wanted to be like her."

Murphy met her husband, Terry Murphy, when he crashed an honors club party at Louisiana State (he's now a physician at Mott Children's Hospital). The couple came to Ann Arbor in 1988, after she had taught at Penn State for eight years. She has dual appointments in statistics and at the Institute for Social Research and says that "talking to sociologists and behavioral scientists [at ISR] helps me express myself better."

To escape her highly concentrated research, Murphy plays hockey several days a week. She started a half-dozen years ago and now plays either wing or defense on women's and co-ed teams—"this morning I played with a bunch of high school students!" she says. It's a new experience for her—"for the first time in my life, my brain and my body have to talk to each other," she says—but "the real gain is the amount of energy I have for work."

She didn't tell her teammates about the MacArthur—but they already knew they were dealing with a very smart person. They teasingly call her "Dr. G," as in "Genius."

She says statistics is a good field for women and sees continued progress in women moving into key jobs. As for all those people, men and women, who plead "math anxiety," she insists: "All college students can definitely master a basic statistics class … The largest obstacle is from having had poor experiences with mathematics" in younger years.

Besides bringing in more researchers, she expects the MacArthur will help launch new collaborations. Excited to delve into behavioral changes and brain disorders, she figures she has enough work to keep her busy for at least the next fifteen years.

"My brain constantly sees new things. That's what turns me on," she says. "I'm doing something interesting—and it also helps society."

Even geniuses don't find everything easy. Murphy readily confesses that, when she was in college, she needed a tutor "all throughout my English courses. Freshman English, I got a C and had to take it twice."

And she struggles with a coffee addiction—it bothers her stomach, so she wants to give it up. She substitutes hot chocolate but still misses the java and wonders whether the planned app she's dubbed a "recovery coach" for alcoholics and other addicts could help her too. "I've relapsed many times," she confesses.

—Vickie Elmer

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Ann Arbor | Michigan
1432 Washtenaw Avenue
734•662•4466
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
Rev. Dr. Fairfax F. Fair, Pastor
www.firstpresbyterian.org

Vivaldi's *Gloria*
December 22
9:30 & 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Christmas Eve Services
Christmas Pageant, 3:00 p.m.
Candlelight Services
Lessons and Carols, 5:00 & 7:30 p.m.
Communion Service, 11:00 p.m.
Check our website for parking options

SHIFT YOUR SHOPPING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

BUY LOCAL

BUY LOCAL WEEK
DECEMBER 6 – 15

THINK LOCAL FIRST

Visit **ThinkLocalFirst.net** to find local businesses and shopping tips.
Give a gift to our community ~ support local independently owned businesses!

SHOP SMALL

SHIFT YOUR SHOPPING

Hard Lessons

A Christmas bike miracle

J. ADRIAN WYLIE

My husband had ridden four blocks to the East Stadium Kroger to buy milk and bananas, or was it hot sauce? He had leaned his bike beside the store as he'd done before and dropped his kickstand, but, being a recent transplant from a village in Connecticut, left it unlocked.

He came over five minutes later, and the bike—a scratched-up white-aluminum-frame Specialized Sirrus with the "One less car" bumper sticker on the crossbar—was gone.

I was working in our office studio above the garage one evening when my husband, Miles, came back early from a bike trip to Kroger.

"How was your ride?" I asked, without looking up. He didn't reply. "Everything OK?"

"I am one *country boy.* I am one [expletive] naive country boy."

I recognized rage just below the surface of his normally easygoing demeanor. He pulled out a file and plunked down on the couch. This seemed serious. What had happened?

Miles seemed to find the information he was looking for, picked up his phone, then thought better of it, looked at me wearily, and explained.

He had ridden four blocks to the East Stadium Kroger to buy milk and bananas, or was it hot sauce? He had leaned his bike beside the store as he'd done before and dropped his kickstand, but, being a recent transplant from a village in Connecticut, left it unlocked.

I winced.

Naive country boy came out five minutes later, and the bike—a scratched-up white-aluminum-frame Specialized Sirrus with the "One less car" bumper sticker on the crossbar—was gone. The older man smoking on the nearby bench said he hadn't seen anything unusual. The manager and the baggers hadn't seen anything.

Miles called the Ann Arbor Police and gave them—and later the University of Michigan police—the serial number. The dispatcher listened as Miles explained his humiliation over the phone. The officer acknowledged Miles' frustration and, without calling him an idiot, underscored the obvious risk of leaving a bike unlocked, especially at *that* Kroger, with student traffic and needy people redeeming bottles and cans for money. Numerous bikes had been taken from the Kroger parking lot over the years, he said. Miles hung his head lower and described the bike in detail. "In case some patrol officers find an abandoned bike somewhere on the campus," he told me later. (That'll be the day, I thought.)

It was a gloomy few weeks. Miles watched Craigslist for used bike listings. He found a national registry of stolen bikes and reported it there. He drove all over Ann Arbor, sure he would find the bike behind an apartment building, in an empty lot off State, along the railroad tracks. The Ann Arbor cops had said people often grab a bike, ride where they need to go, and then ditch it down an embankment. Others don't want to get caught with a stolen bike, so they hide it.

He stopped regularly at two local used bike shops. He scanned the racks of the central campus transportation center. Did his search verge on obsessive? He loved his bike, and the fact that his innocence had been violated transformed him. He was relentless.

Months passed. His vigilance mellowed. Dry leaves and dust began to swirl in the frosty bike lanes as I pedaled my bike downtown to catch the bus to work. Miles wouldn't concede that sooner or later he would have to shop for a replacement, but he was slowly moving through the stages of grief towards acceptance.

On Christmas Eve I left work at 2 p.m. and headed downtown to conquer my holiday shopper's block. I bought an Orangina at Sparrow Market and walked through the cheerful shops at Kerrytown. Tinsel and lights and the Santa in the stairwell filled me with smiles, but I still froze when I looked at price tags. I was turning over a pretty box of hand-painted notepads at Hollanders when my phone rang.

"I found my bike."

"No way. Where are you?"

"At Liberty and Fifth across from Seva. It's locked to a signpost, and I'm waiting for the cops."

"Are you sure it's yours?"

"Everything is off of it, but I'm sure. They forgot to scrape off the Mystic Bike Shop sticker."

The temperature was in the low teens, and it was windy. When I drove up, Miles was hovering beside a mangy-looking white bike locked to a "no parking" sign. I could tell he wanted to gloat: only a few days before I had been admonishing him to get over it and buy himself a new bike. But we hugged like best friends from out of town, high-fived a few times, and waited for the police on a busy day for them. We paced and talked: why would a thief tie up a bike in plain sight?

After half an hour, Miles went to get coffee and warm up. We took turns sitting in the car. Finally, with the light beginning to dim, a patrol car pulled up. We greeted him giddily, as the officer, hands in the pockets of his light jacket, apologized for the delay.

He turned the bike upside down to look at the serial number on the crank. Even though it matched the description of the one reported stolen in September, to cut the bike lock he said he would need proof it belonged to us. Could Miles get a receipt or documentation with the serial number on it at home?

"No problem, officer." Miles took off in my car.

As the officer sat in his car, I paced the sidewalk. Maybe the cold had addled my

Kilwins™
Holiday Novelties
Corporate Gifts
Shipping & Delivery
Curbside Service
Customized Chocolate Boxes
Holiday Party Trays • Hostess Gifts
Specialty Holiday Candy
Handmade Caramel Apples
Caramel Corns, Brittles and
other Handmade Caramel Novelties
107 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor
769-7759

pure barre
lift · tone · burn
Purchase a gift card valued at $100 or more and receive 10% off all other items at time of sale
New apparel from Karma Wear & Splits59

3139 Oak Valley Drive
Ann Arbor
(located in Village Centre)
p: 734.761.5350
w: purebarre.com
New Client Special: $20 for 10 Days

Memorable Meals Begin With the Best Ingredients

Michigan-raised 100% Grass-fed Beef *Raised at Lamb Farm in Manchester, MI. Custom-cut for your holiday needs.*

Beeler's Spiral-Sliced Hams *Humanely-raised on Tim Beeler's farm and processed without nitrites.*

Peacock Amish Turkeys *The same turkey we've offered for over 30 years!*

Michigan Pastured Lamb *Raised at Lamb Farm in Manchester, MI.*

Artisan Breads and Holiday Pastries *From Avalon, Big City, Organic Bliss (W-F/G-F), Zingerman's and Jeff Renner!*

Fresh Veggies and Fruits *You'll love our local and organic selections.*

Gift Baskets and Party Trays *Made-to-order creations for holiday entertaining.*

Holiday Floral *Fresh-cut flowers, Poinsettias and Premium Western Greens.*

10% Off any Six Bottles of Wine *Everyday discount, includes "sale" items. Great beer, too!*

ARBOR FARMS MARKET

Fresh, Local, Organic

Open Daily - 8am to 9pm • arborfarms.com

2103 W. Stadium Blvd. • Ann Arbor • 996.8111

When your "check reindeer" light comes on – come see us.
Happy Holidays from Steve Steeb Service
2075 S Industrial Hwy • stevesteebservice.com • 734.930.2277
Major Credit Cards Accepted

brain, but I wanted a confrontation with someone. Yet, what if the person who had locked the bike here was a victim as well? What would I say when he said, "No way, I paid for this bike. It's mine!"

Miles returned with document in hand and a glow of justice beneath his short beard. The officer cut the cable, smiled, and we shook hands. Then he told us about the rest of his Christmas Eve.

The patrols had been tied up, he said, due to the latest case in a rash of suicide attempts. It had been a rough few days: three Ann Arbor residents had unraveled and turned from despair to violence.

We wondered aloud why there couldn't be some way the police department and mental health providers could coordinate. Maybe these awful scenes could be avoided. All that pain at Christmas. The officer shrugged, smiled knowingly, and said, "not with laws like HIPAA."

It was late and getting colder. We thanked him—Miles and I humbled but glad to share the small Christmas Eve miracle with a first responder. Miles started home on his bike in the zero-degree wind chill, warmed with satisfaction and vindication.

Our lessons? Pay attention! Keep your receipt handy. And always reach out to other people, no matter the time of year.

—Lise Anderson

Anderson lives, works, bikes, and raises three sons in Ann Arbor. She is the author of The Lost Chapters, *a memoir.*

A Present for My Mom

Christmas 1969

By the time I was seven years old, I knew what it meant to be poor. Over time I would grow to hate it, but at that age I didn't understand why my family was so different from our new neighbors in Ann Arbor. I only knew that my mother would take me and my little sister to the welfare office twice a month and at the end of the month to churches for bags of food or grocery vouchers.

That was normal where we used to live on the south side of Ypsilanti. But in Ann Arbor, my family wasn't accepted. In line at the grocery store I heard the nasty remarks aimed toward my mom, a single mother, when she paid with food stamps.

Maybe those cackling, mean-mouthed women were why mom was so angry all the time, or maybe I was just in the way when she was feeling her worst. I only wished that somehow I could make her feel better, so she wouldn't look at me that way.

Christmas was my favorite time of year, because my mom's violent temper seemed to mellow then. She would buy a Sears catalog and let me dream through it, ever so carefully, picking out the one or two toys I wanted that year. I'd also pick out something perfect for my three-year-old sister Terri, a tomboy who preferred Tonka trucks to teddy bears.

Just before school got out for Christmas vacation, my best friend's family came over for a surprise visit. Andrea and I exchanged presents: I gave her cookies that my mom baked, and she gave me a little book called *A Mouse in My House.* It was a good visit until Andrea's mom brought in a big black garbage bag filled with clothes her other two kids had outgrown and toys she'd collected from friends. For the first time, I knew what it felt like to be pitied, and it hurt to have it come from a friend.

Andrea's family went to California for Christmas break, so Terri and I spent the vacation with Mary and Della. Their mom, Sara, was our mom's best friend. Mary, colored on the faces of my dolls and poured milk on my record player. Della stole Terri's toys. Still, we remained some sort of friends. Sara's church "adopted" our family for Christmas. I didn't know it at the time, but my school nurse belonged to the same church.

I'd met Nurse Nancy just before Halloween, when my second-grade teacher took me by the hand and led me to her office. In the other hand, my teacher carried the paddle mom had sent to school to be used when I caused a problem. And so my teacher and nurse became the only adults to see the welts, bruises, and cuts inflicted by a variety of weapons on my chubby little body.

At school, they kept my secret, but the punishments lessened at home. And I told Nurse Nancy, but no one else, what I wanted to give my mom for Christmas.

The night of the party, mom dressed me in a pretty green-and-red dress, one of the hand-me-downs from An-

Christmas was my favorite time of year, because my mom's violent temper seemed to mellow then. She would buy a Sears catalog and let me dream through it, ever so carefully, picking out the one or two toys I wanted that year. I'd also pick out something perfect for my three-year-old sister Terri, a tomboy who preferred Tonka trucks to teddy bears.

drea's family. I was going to meet the real Santa! Since this was a church event, I knew they wouldn't allow a fake.

Mom didn't want to come, so she sent me and Terri with her friend PJ. We arrived along with Sara and her girls at dusk and walked through a fresh layer of snow in the parking lot to St. Francis of Assisi church.

In the dining hall, nuns escorted us to tables covered in white linen and topped with candles and red and white carnations. The room smelled of ham, rolls, and pies, like Christmas was supposed to. A choir of children, cloaked in red and white, slowly marched in singing carols.

A lot of the kids wore old clothes; like me, some were even chubby and plain. But nobody made us feel like we were less than they were.

After the meal, the nuns took us to meet Santa. It felt like forever before it was our turn.

When I was finally lifted to sit on Santa's ample lap, I tugged on his beard and laughed. It didn't give way! He was real.

I blurted out the wish I'd written in my letter to him that year: "I want Mom to love me, Santa."

"I am sure she does," he said, ruffling my hair. "Why wouldn't she love such a cute little girl as you?"

"I don't know," I answered. My smile faded. I realized Santa couldn't give me that wish. "Can I have an Easy Bake Oven?" I asked, my thoughts turning back to the Sears catalog.

A woman dressed as Santa's wife took my hand and guided me to a table loaded with wrapped presents. As I looked up into her face, I realized it was Nurse Nancy, and I squeezed her hand a little harder.

"I forgot to ask Santa something," I said.

"What?"

"To give Mom something for Christmas, too."

"Maybe he already thought of that," she answered. She went to the table and returned with two presents. "One is for your mom, Kim. It's not much, but maybe it's all she needs."

For Christmas, Mom decorated the apartment with handmade loops of red and green paper, pictures she had drawn of a Disney holiday, and a small silver tree. Beneath it were presents for Terri and me. From Santa I got the Easy Bake Oven; from Mom, a Barbie and some socks. Terri got a puffy book from Santa and from mom a Tonka dump truck and a stuffed teddy bear. Mom didn't have anything. Then I remembered the present from Nurse Nancy.

I went to my room and brought back the small box wrapped with shiny paper.

"Wow," Mom smiled. "Where'd you get this?"

"Santa." I smiled.

She nodded and unwrapped the package to reveal an emerald-colored comb, brush, and mirror set. "Nice. Pretty. A bit fancy, but I like it." Her eyes were moist.

I picked up my Barbie. "She's pretty, too."

It was a very good Christmas.

—Kim Elsifor

Dancing Dog Gallery
302 E Liberty, Ann Arbor
* MAKING A SPLASH *
Intense, gestural art by
Sophie Grillet
Reception Dec 6th, 7 - 10 pm
with Partner and Visiting Artists
Show runs thru Jan 11th 2014
Holiday Art Sale!
thru December
Cards, prints and calendars
Art Lovers' Singles Mingle Dec 12th
More events: dancingdoggallery.biz

Season's Greetings
From
Coffee Express Co.
COFFEE EXPRESS ROASTING COMPANY
Plymouth

Deck Your Halls with Boughs of Holly!

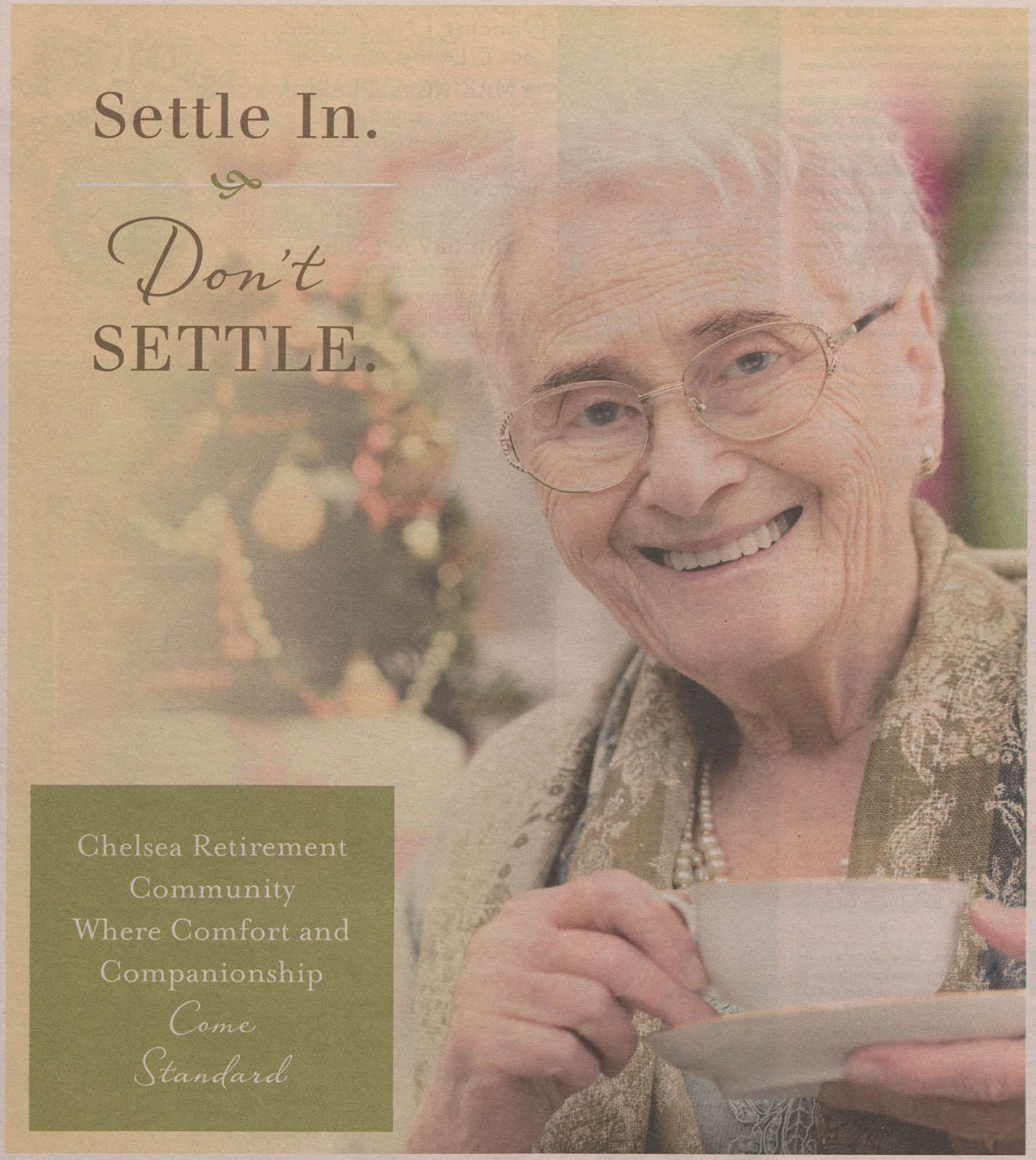
Happy Holidays to One and All!

Make all your Real Estate Wishes Come True!
Ed & Lisa Ridha
Association Brokers, The Charles Reinhart Company
Cell : 734-645-3110 • eridha@reinhartrealtors.com
Cell: 734-395-2586 • lridha@reinhartrealtors.com
www.edridha.com • www.lisaridha.com

Reinhart
Charles Reinhart Company Realtors
2452 E. Stadium Blvd, Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Settle In.

Don't SETTLE.



Chelsea Retirement Community
Where Comfort and Companionship
Come Standard

CHELSEA RETIREMENT COMMUNITY
A UMRC SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITY

Chelsea Retirement Community offers its residents a maintenance-free lifestyle that allows them to live life on their own terms. We have immediate availability for new residents in Independent Living Apartments and Cottages.

Act now as availability is limited – Call 734-475-8633 Today!

VISIT OUR OPEN HOUSE
805 W. Middle Street Chelsea, MI 48118

Enjoy savory snacks, tour our beautiful campus and meet future neighbors at our Holiday Open House on Thursday, December 19th from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Curbing THE DDA

Council reins in the Downtown Development Authority

by James Leonard

J. ADRIAN WYLIE

Councilmembers Sumi Kailasapathy and Steve Kunselman with DDA chair Sandi Smith.

For the past year, Steve Kunselman has been using the city's Downtown Development Authority as a political punching bag.

Asked why, the Ward Three councilmember answers with a question of his own: "Why did mayor John Hieftje create a DDA so distrusted that Steve Kunselman would punch them?"

Always complicated, the relationship between city council and the quasi-independent authority intensified as Mayor Hieftje's council majority shrank in recent elections. Once an outsider, Kunselman now shares his doubts about the DDA with a growing group of allies—Mike Anglin, Jack Eaton, Sally Hart Peterson, Jane Lumm and, especially Sumi Kailasapathy.

"The members of the DDA board are in custody of [an annual budget of] over 20 million dollars," Kailasapathy emails. "Yet, they are never elected, continue their positions for decades and function as a shadow government."

According to Kunselman, "the relationship between the DDA and council deteriorated because John Hieftje serves on both the board of the DDA and city council. He's appointed former elected officials to the board, and they have nothing to do other than please John Hieftje."

Council approves the mayor's appointees, and major DDA projects—roughly 80 percent of its budget goes to building and operating the city parking system—require City Council approval. But Kunselman and Kailasapathy are correct that even as the mayor's support has faded on council, it's flourished at the DDA. Until this past June, its board was chaired by former county commissioner Leah Gunn, a veteran political operative who helped create and defend the Hieftje majority. It's now chaired by former councilmember and Hieftje loyalist Sandi Smith—who can look for support to another council vet, Joan Lowenstein.

"The biggest issue is that the DDA has been politicized," Kunselman continues. "Now it's really a patronage organization that gives out grants of public tax dollars."

Until Jack Eaton's November election, Kunselman, Kailasapathy, and the rest were a minority on council. Now they have the power to change the city's direction—and they're starting with the DDA.

In November, council passed a Kunselman-authored measure that will limit future increases in the DDA's tax revenue. And if it tries to resist the new majority, Kunselman warns, "the city council has the authority to close the DDA."

"...they are never elected, continue their positions for decades and function as a shadow government."

Council Republicans under then-mayor Lou Belcher created Ann Arbor's DDA in 1982. To finance it, they turned downtown into a tax increment financing (TIF) district. The DDA "captures" increased tax revenues from downtown redevelopment—money that otherwise would go to local taxing authorities—and uses it to finance public improvements.

Council had specific improvements in mind: beautifying downtown sidewalks and building parking structures. The DDA built the Ann-Ashley and Tally Hall structures, then took over management of the older structures as well. At the time, they were literally crumbling after decades of deferred maintenance, and costing the city's general fund $250,000 a year.

DDA executive director Susan Pollay recalls that when she was hired in 1996, the group's "first priority was fixing the parking structures and fixing them forever." That it did: the parking system—now including street spaces as well—will likely gross $19 million this year. The parking structures are 80 to 90 percent full at least half of weekdays, and a strict maintenance schedule keeps them in good repair.

As the parking system's finances improved, the city's deteriorated. Instead of drawing from the general fund, parking now supports it. "They send 17 percent, or $3.2 million a year, of their parking revenue to the city, and that's right off the top," Hieftje says. "And they give $500,000 a year to pay the bond on the new police/courts building, so that very little from the general fund goes into paying for the building."

Unlike some of his allies, Kunselman supported the police/courts building and says the DDA funding is "a bona fide contribution." But asked what else the DDA has accomplished, he replies: "Less than people think. Their big accomplishment is putting a good face on downtown for marketing. I don't see much except the streetscape"—the widened sidewalks and plantings downtown.

He shrugs off the reconstruction of the parking system, saying he "didn't have a problem parking" before the DDA took over. And at the most basic level, Kunselman questions whether downtown even needs special tax treatment. "Downtown isn't fragile," he says. "It's the wealthiest part of the town."

DDA chair Sandi Smith disagrees. "Any downtown remains fragile even if it seems robust," she says. "They do not magically stay healthy. They take a lot of thought and care."

Susan Pollay argues the DDA is doing very well by the city. "When the DDA was created, there were $1.3 million in tax revenues for the city from downtown. That number is now $4.1 million," over and above the taxes captured by the DDA.

Lou Belcher agrees with Kunselman that downtown is thriving—but unlike the councilmember, the former mayor gives the DDA much of the credit. "Our downtown is a lot better because of the DDA," Belcher says. "It's the most vibrant in Michigan if not the whole Midwest. We've made tremendous strides because of the DDA—and they've done a good job with the parking."

But as downtown grew in the last decade, so did the taxes "captured" by the DDA—from $3.2 million in 2003 to an estimated $4.5 million this fiscal year. Kunselman considers that "a gross injustice." The authority, he says, "should give the money back."

Kailasapathy agrees. "We are not living up to the language specified in our ordinance which clearly states that excess TIF capture has to be returned to the juris-

EXPERIENCE COUNTS!
Over 25 Years in the Business

BELA SIPOS
CCIM • Commercial Real Estate Agent
734-669-5813
kbsipos@ccim.net
office: 734-669-4100

Reinhart COMMERCIAL.com
Full Service Commercial Brokerage
Sales, Leasing, Site Selection, Income Properties

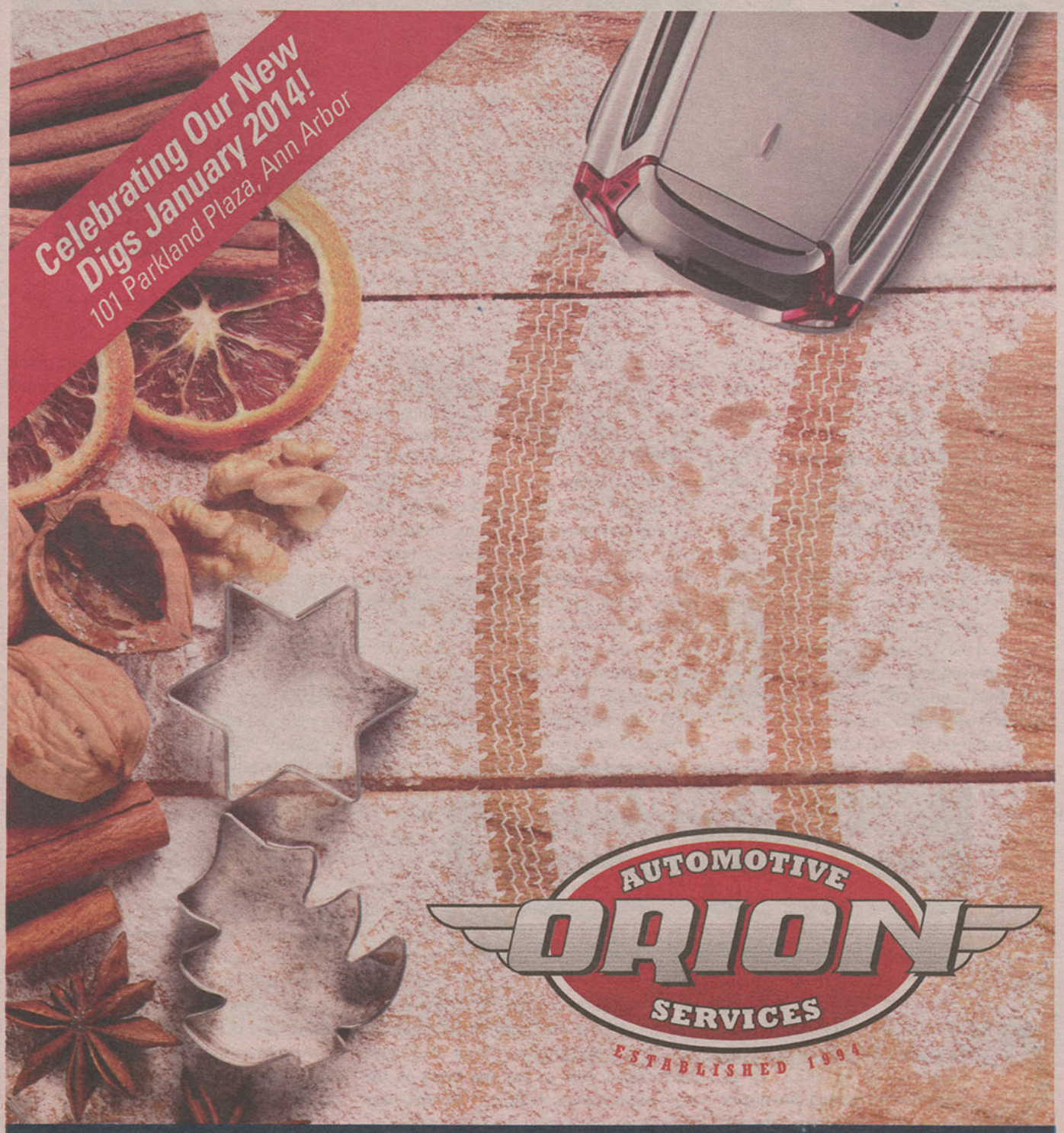
Happy Holidays! FROM BEN & JERRY'S

Let us CATER your next HOLIDAY PARTY!

We'll set it up, serve it up, and clean it up!

Get 10% OFF your first catered event! (When booked by 12.30.13)

304 S State St | Ann Arbor | (734) 665-4440
www.benjerry.com/annarbor



Servicing European, Asian, and Domestic Automotive Tastes.

3340 West Liberty Road
Ann Arbor, MI 48103

www.OrionA2.com
734-995-3188

Curbing the DDA

dictions from which we are taking these monies," she emails. "This type of action on the part of the DDA is financially and morally wrong. I consider this behavior cheating."

Of course, the DDA isn't just getting more revenue—it's also spending more. The new Library Lane structure alone cost $50 million, financed with bonds that won't be paid off till 2035. Last year, the DDA's bond payments totaled $6.6 million, or $2.1 million *more* than its TIF capture—leaving no excess to be returned to the other jurisdictions.

But Kunselman doesn't believe the state even intended cities to use TIF funds to build parking. His goal, he says, "is to take the TIF money out of the parking system."

He took a big step in that direction in November, when council amended the DDA ordinance to limit the taxable value subject to tax capture. Authored by Kunselman, it will effectively cap the authority's tax revenue at about $6 million a year. Once that limit is reached, the TIF can grow no more than 3.5 percent a year.

John Hieftje says that he and Kunselman got along well during the councilmember's first term, from 2006 to 2008. "We had similar voting records," the mayor recalls, and he appointed Kunselman to planning commission.

But in the 2008, Kunselman lost a Democratic primary to Christopher Taylor—and he blamed Hieftje.

"Roger Fraser [then city administrator], Ed Petykiewicz [then editor of the *Ann Arbor News*], and John Hieftje were the people behind the scenes working together to unseat me," Kunselman says. "That year the *Ann Arbor News'* election editorial was written by Ed, who endorsed my opponent. Roger and Ed often had lunch together, and they misrepresented my actions to defame me. It was a very organized effort, and you just have to connect the dots to see John Hieftje was behind it."

Hieftje says he had no reason to oppose Kunselman, didn't know Taylor, and wasn't asked to endorse either candidate. And Petykiewicz, now retired, calls the charge that he conspired with the city administrator "absolutely wrong."

"Ed and I had lunch maybe twice," says Fraser, "and Kunselman's name never came up. We talked about policy or our families."

Kunselman insists there's nothing personal in his attack on the DDA: "Ignoring valid concerns creates distrust," he says. But asked if the DDA has ignored his own questions, he admits, "I have not asked specific questions to them." Has he ever called them when he has a question? "No."

That hasn't stopped him from claiming the group misled council and the public. "They're laundering TIF money through the parking system and subsidizing the parking system with money from other

taxing authorities," he charges. "Tax dollars are paying for parking structures, but it's not shown in their reports. They commingle TIF and parking revenues in a way that makes it hard to understand."

Kailasapathy, an accountant and a member of the council's DDA audit committee, agrees. "When studying the audited financial statements for fiscal year 2012/13, we noticed that the financial statement footnotes specifically states that parking fund monies are used to service parking debt. What it fails to mention is that TIF fund monies are also used to service debt. So in effect TIF funds are subsidizing their parking misadventures!" She points to the costly Library Lane structure, where council spent a "speculative" $5 million for reinforcements to allow an as-yet-unidentified building to go on top.

"No, we're not laundering money," responds DDA assistant director Joe Morehouse. "Mr. Kunselman totally misinterpreted the financial reports. Like most government agencies, the DDA has one checking account to pay all its bills, and in our case it comes out of the TIF funds account. But at some point the other funds have to pay them back, and that's what he misunderstood."

"I'm not doing it for revenge," Kunselman says. "This is politics."

Morehouse agrees that "the DDA uses TIF money to pay some of the debt service on the parking structures. But that has gone on for the entire life of the DDA. TIF money does not pay for operating expenses for the parking system, but it does pay some of the bonds, because decks are an improvement to the city, since the city owns them."

Kunselman's amendment to the DDA ordinance also adds a provision requiring the authority to file timely financial reports. It's needed, he says, because "TIF reports have not been produced by the DDA in the last decade." Kailasapathy agrees, saying, "DDA did not file TIF reports for a long time."

That's news to state treasury spokesperson Terry Stanton and Tom Crawford, the city's chief financial officer: both say they've consistently received the DDA's annual reports.

Kunselman says it's not just councilmembers who mistrust the DDA. "The library had questions, so they sent a letter to Susan Pollay, and she never responded. Ask [library director] Josie Parker about her letter. Ask her who believes what the DDA tells them now."

According to Parker, though, "the DDA responded in a responsible and timely manner. Susan and I had a conversation and an open discussion of the issues," she says. "We've had an amicable and open relationship for as long as I've been here: eleven and a half years. Susan has been extremely responsive." Indeed: Library Lane is so named because it's right outside her front door.

Hieftje suggests Kunselman punches the DDA because "they don't punch back, so they're an easy target for a bully. If discussions this year had started in a cooperative way, it would have been much easier. But Kunselman was confrontational. He was all about 'we have more power than you, and we're going to exercise it.'"

"It's easy to beat up those who are under you," agrees Sandi Smith. "Also, the DDA is an attractive target because there's money at the DDA. and the city has needs.

"Obviously Steve has made the DDA a target because he gets political mileage out of it," Smith adds. "And some of it is personal because some board members have backed his opponents." According to campaign finance reports, since 2008 three members of the DDA board—Gunn, Lowenstein, and John Split—have given money to Kunselman's challengers.

"I'm not doing it for revenge," Kunselman responds. "This is politics. DDA board members support the mayor and are using their appointment for political purposes—so is it me or is it them that are playing politics?"

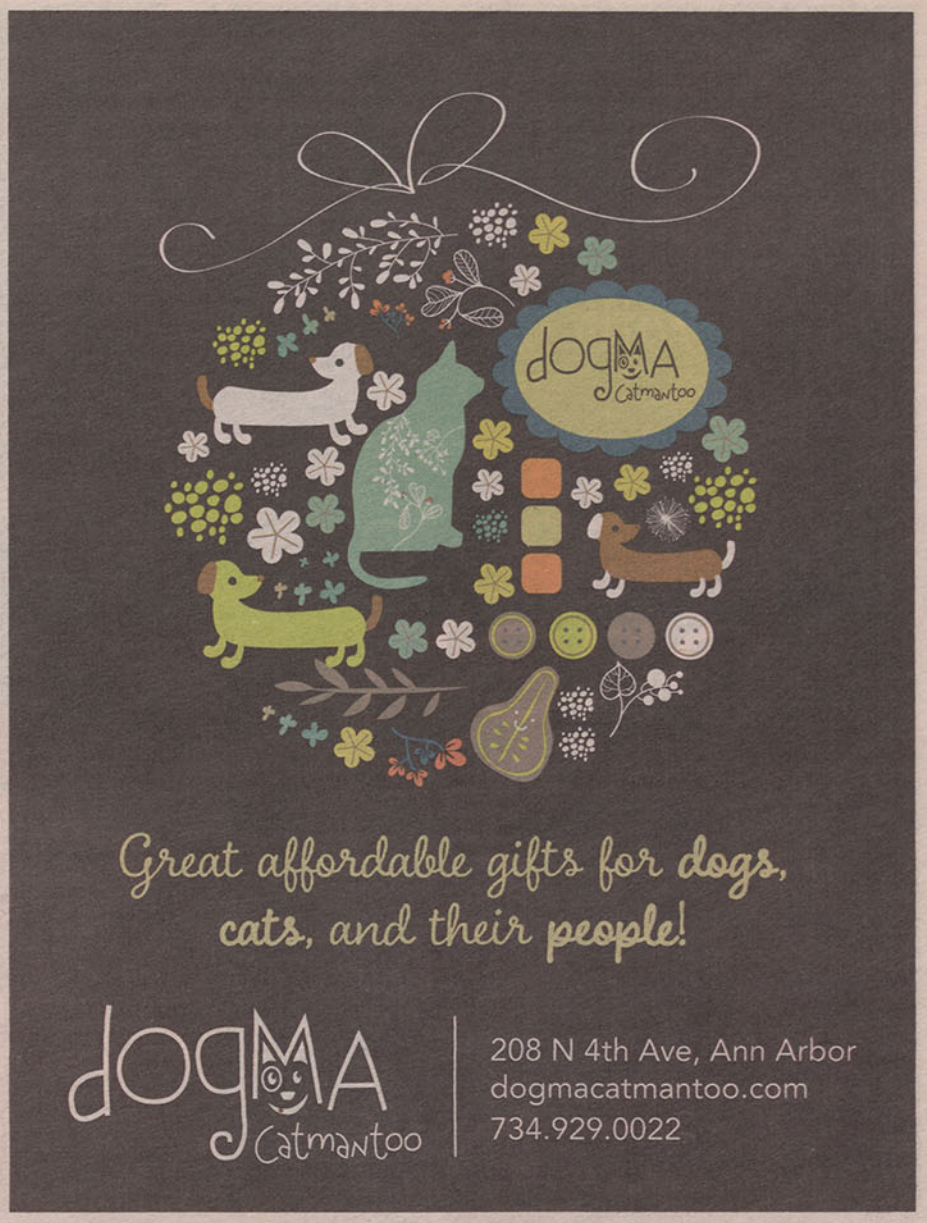
Politically and financially, Kunselman is winning at the moment. DDA treasurer Roger Hewitt says he can't say just how much the valuation cap will cost the authority, because that will depend on how much redevelopment happens downtown. But Tom Crawford says that the cap will limit the group's bonding capacity to about $57 million over the next ten years. Without it, he estimates, it might be $100 million or more.

By the time the cap takes effect in 2016, Kunselman hopes to be mayor himself: he's already declared he's a candidate in 2014. "I've perceived growing public distrust in the DDA and in city government," he says. "The trust is so damaged at the council table now that I can't trust John Hieftje. That's why I'm running." In effect, he'll be the anti-Hieftje candidate—in the first mayoral election in fourteen years without Hieftje, who has announced he's retiring at the end of his seventh term.

Though he warns that council can disband the DDA, Kunselman says, that's not his goal. "The DDA performs a vital function," he says, in building infrastructure. He'd even leave the authority in charge of the parking system—though he doesn't want it using TIF money to build more.

Whoever succeeds him as mayor, Hieftje believes "the DDA will still be here and will continue to improve the downtown." Board chair Smith hedges her bets. In future years, she says, "I hope the DDA is still going strong."

Susan Pollay also sees the DDA weathering council's moves to curb it, and has no plans to leave. Despite the difficulties, she says, "I have the best job in the world. Look at all the good we do." ■



MINI
MACROSCOPIC.
THE MINI COUNTRYMAN. THE BIG MINI. How big? The four-door MINI Countryman has almost two times the cargo space of the original MINI Hardtop. It's big enough to seat five yet still small enough to attack turns with that same go-kart handling. And it comes with available ALL4 all-wheel drive. It's bigger, but still a MINI.
MINI OF ANN ARBOR
3500 JACKSON RD
ANN ARBOR, MI 48103
734-929-4601
MINIOFANNARBOR.COM

a name
synonymous
with **trust**

elizabeth
brien

direct 734-669-5989
cell 734-645-4444
www.ElizabethBrien.com
brienteam@elizabethbrien.com

teamElizabeth brien
Integrity, Service & Experience

Reinhart
Charles Reinhart Company Realtors
734-665-0300

I would be honored to put my integrity, service and experience to work for you and your real estate needs!

Please call for a no-cost, no-obligation assessment of your home's value, and to learn more about my successful marketing strategy

Big George's
HOME APPLIANCE MART
KITCHEN APPLIANCES - MATTRESSES - HOME THEATER - FIREPLACES - LAUNDRY

THE PERFECT SOLUTION FOR REPLACING AN INEFFICIENT MASONRY OR PREFABRICATED FIREPLACE.
NAPOLEON XIR3 GAS FIREPLACE INSERT FOR ONLY $2199!

NAPOLEON

XIR3 FEATURES
- Fuel saving electronic ignition with battery back-up.
- 364 sq. in. viewing area
- Thermostatic remote control
- Limited Lifetime Warranty

GAS LOG SETS STARTING AT $599

OTHER INSERTS STARTING AT $1799

VISIT OUR SHOWROOM: 2023 WEST STADIUM BLVD. ANN ARBOR, MI WWW.BIG-GEORGES.COM 734-669-9500

COURTESY MOLLY SUTPHEN

COURTESY MOLLY SUTPHEN

MARK BIALEK

MOVING TO DETROIT

Young Ann Arborites chase their dreams in the poorest city in the U.S.

by Eve Silberman

Andy Sokoly is one of the few white faces in a church on Detroit's east side. As a woman with a cordless microphone leads a thunderous call-and-response—"Praise him!"—a group of visitors is swiftly ushered to the front. With the November election just two days away, Perfecting Church is bestowing its political blessings.

Founded by gospel singer Marvin Winans, the church occupies a massive modern block at Nevada and Van Dyke. Though it's three in the afternoon, the high, purple-draped sanctuary is packed as Benny Napoleon and half a dozen candidates for city council—all African American—line up facing the congregation. While Winans looks on benignly, a short, wiry man takes the microphone to urge the congregation not to believe the "mainstream media" that show Napoleon trailing Mike Duggan, who is white. "Don't let them Trayvon Martin us!" he roars. "We cannot turn Detroit into Zimmermantown!"

Sokoly, a U-M public policy grad who's here as a campaign manager for council candidate Scott Benson, appears unfazed. The candidates exit as quickly as they came, and Sokoly and another volunteer hop into the backseat of Benson's Ford Focus. There's still time to get in a little door-to-door campaigning before dark.

Two days later, as predicted, Napoleon loses. But Benson, a fit forty-something coast guard veteran with a master's in urban planning, is elected to represent the city's new Third District. By mid-month, he was talking to Sokoly about a possible job on his staff.

Sokoly, twenty-nine, rents a room in a house in Mexicantown, a largely Hispanic neighborhood in southwest Detroit. The home is owned by Summer in the City, a nonprofit that recruits volunteers—many of them, like Sokoly, white kids from the suburbs—to do cleanup and planting projects in Detroit. After volunteering and working for Summer in the City, he's now freelancing for New Solutions, a Detroit planning and advocacy group.

And he's not the only Ann Arbor person in the house, where rooms rent for less than $300 a month. Elise Kulik grew up in Burns Park and graduated from Pioneer High. After getting an undergrad degree at Boston University and a master's in social work from the U-M, Kulik, twenty-four, now works for Head Start. A Spanish speaker, she visits the homes of Hispanic immigrants, helping the kids with English and offering practical advice to their moms.

JOHN HILTON

(Above) public policy grad Andy Sokoly campaigns. (Top left) U-M MBA candidate Alex Pereira with the building he's remodeling. (Top right) Head Start staffer Elise Kulik at her Detroit church.

Sokoly and Kulik like to hang out at the Woodbridge Pub on Trumbull; another ex-Ann Arborite, Jim Geary, opened it in an abandoned liquor store in 2006. Another regular, Alex Pereira, thirty-four, is a U-M grad student in business. Pereira got excited about Detroit in longtime Ann Arbor developer Peter Allen's real estate class, which regularly makes field trips to the city. He's now transforming a "derelict, uninhabitable building" a few blocks from the pub into a five-unit apartment.

Pereira sees possibilities in Detroit that he didn't in Ann Arbor. "The big players in Ann Arbor have already made their names," he says. "As a new developer, you have to go where you can make the greatest impact."

Traditionally, ambitious young U-M grads have left Ann Arbor for cities like Chicago, San Francisco, or New York. But in the last few years, a small but growing number are going to Detroit. With more than a third of its households living below the poverty line, Detroit is the poorest big city in the county. Its shrinking population, high crime rate, and ruined buildings made it the foremost symbol of American urban decay long before a state-appointed emergency manager—U-M law grad Kevyn Orr—put the city in bankruptcy.

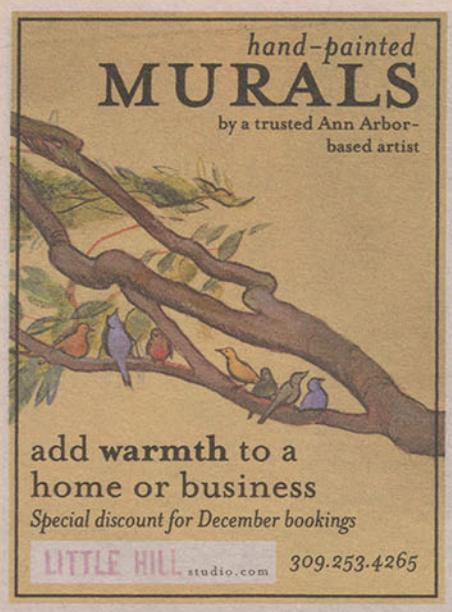
Yet for young people like Andy Sokoly, Elise Kulik, and Alex Pereira, Detroit is the place to be. Peter Allen says it's as though the city is suddenly back on the map. Allen has his real estate students do a hypothetical exercise in which they "purchase" a foreclosed home in a big city, "live" there a year, and then "rent" it for three years, "to see how it pays off as an investment." In the past, they almost always picked homes in popular coastal cities. But "two years ago, for the first time, a couple of students out of about fifty" chose Detroit, Allen recalls. "Last year, it was five. This year, out of fifty-three, twenty-three picked Detroit."

"I moved to Ann Arbor from a small town," says florist Lisa Waud. "And after a while, Ann Arbor started to seem like a small town."

The students reflect a national trend, says Sue Mosey, director of Midtown Detroit, a nonprofit that rehabs housing and sponsors community events in the greater Wayne State area. This generation, she says, is interested in "urban social"—the excitement and density of city living.

"I moved to Ann Arbor from a small town—and after a while Ann Arbor started to seem like a small town," says Lisa Waud, the young owner of the Felch Street floral shop Pot and Box. She recently moved to an apartment in Corktown, the onetime Irish neighborhood just west of downtown Detroit. She's keeping her Ann Arbor store but plans to do "pop-up" sales at various places around the city.

Macklin Underdown, twenty-two, graduated from U-M last spring and now lives in a neighborhood near downtown. His girlfriend has a job in Livonia, and he recently found a job in Detroit developing smartphone applications. He is struck by the spirit of innovation he finds in the city. One friend started a bicycle-powered curbside recycling business. Another bought a "foreclosed school"—for what, he's not sure.



Nationwide.
But still very, very local.

Get great local service with Nationwide®.

Ask about our discounts:
Employees of Univ. of Michigan Health System
Members of MEA, Michigan Dental Assoc., and ADA
and many more!
Visit heidiKagency.com

HEIDI KUSSURELIS AGENCY INC
Heidi A Kussurelis
(734) 213-6736 | kussurh@nationwide.com
2405 S Main St, Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Nationwide®
On Your Side
Auto Home Life Business

©2006 Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company and Affiliated Companies. Nationwide Life Insurance Company. Home office: Columbus, Ohio 43215-2220. Nationwide, the Nationwide Framemark and On Your Side are federally registered service marks of Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company. Not available in all states.

WHEN YOU JUST DON'T, WON'T, OR CAN'T DO IT ON YOUR OWN.

Improving fitness takes commitment. That's why almost 90% of people with gym memberships or work-out equipment at home don't use them. It's too easy not to.

But an appointment with a CoachMeFit trainer means you sign-up and show up. You take time to work toward your goals with the best trainers around who encourage and instruct you. There are no crowds, no intimidation, no one-size-fits-all workouts.

CoachMeFit helps clients of all ages and levels of fitness reach their ideal weight and gain strength, flexibility, and balance.

Ask about our personalized nutritional counseling.

Holiday Gift Certificates and Gift Packages Available.

Call 734-477-9430 for a free consultation.

Go to www.coachmefit.com for our fee schedule.

2300 E. Stadium Blvd.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

COACHMEFIT
PERSONAL TRAINING PERFECTED

Indulge without the holiday bulge. We'll help you burn off the calories.

DETROIT

Andy Sokoly says he and friends like being able to walk or bike to their downtown jobs. Sokoly also was drawn to Detroit because his grandfather used to live on the southwest side—very close to the Summer in the City house. That's not unusual. Even young people whose families left the city before they were born—often part of the "white flight" that turned the city from 83 percent white in 1950 to 83 percent black in 2010—often feel a connection.

Most of the new urbanites are settling in a few popular neighborhoods near downtown and along the Woodward corridor—Midtown, Eastern Market, Lafayette Park—and, to a lesser extent, Mexicantown. There are also pockets of young newcomers on the eastern edge of the city near Grosse Pointe, including Yorkshire Woods and East English Village.

Young people moving into Detroit are still outnumbered by city dwellers headed the other way. More than 200,000 have left during the last decade, mostly black professionals and working-class people who took to the suburbs for safer living and better schools. And very few of the newcomers are settling in the many neighborhoods beset by high crime, boarded-up buildings, and vacant lots. On the way to Perfecting Church, I passed through an old industrial district where the few businesses still functioning sported razor wire atop their chain-link fences.

Some longtime residents, both black and white, resent the attention the newcomers attract. For instance, there's been a lot of hype about the new bars and restaurants opening in Corktown. But "Hipsters go home!" read one piece of fence graffiti I saw in Corktown, and some people who've toughed out decades in the city refer contemptuously to the newcomers as "slum tourists."

Midtown's Sue Mosey is unapologetic. "People moving back here helps create a narrative that's hopeful," she says crisply. "And everyone [in Detroit] benefits."

U-M grad Brianna Fritz and her boyfriend, Brian Ellison, meet me for lunch at the Union Street Saloon, a popular restaurant/bar on Woodward in Midtown. Across the street, a man hurls curses in the air; people walk by, appearing not to notice.

Fritz, twenty-eight, does promotional and outreach work for Wayne State's law school. She's excited about the home she just purchased in East English Village; three bedrooms, with "awesome trees" and "in perfect shape." It was listed at $100,000; she bought it for $70,000.

Fritz moved to East English Village from Corktown; she was ready for something more permanent and for a quieter, more residential neighborhood. She grew up in the suburbs but went into the city frequently—she remembers her father, who worked downtown, taking her to the Anchor Bar, where he'd get a beer and she a grilled cheese sandwich.

At U-M, she interested other suburban kids in going to Detroit events and res-

MARK BIALEK

Brianna Fritz (center) just bought a house in East English Village for $70,000. Her boyfriend, Brian Ellison, advises the city on business ventures—and last summer started his own, renting kayaks on Belle Isle.

taurants. She lingered in Ann Arbor for a time after graduation, but always planned to move to Detroit—and a couple of years ago, she did.

Ellison, thirty-nine, grew up in Southfield. A former teacher in the Detroit public schools, he now advises the city on business ventures—and tapped into his own inner entrepreneur last summer by starting a kayak rental business on Belle Isle. Both he and Fritz are absorbed by Detroit-related activities: they play softball in a city league, she's part of a nonprofit trying to open a new theater near Wayne State, and both regularly attend local events like gallery openings and a friend's pop-up beer garden.

At one point, looking around Union Street, whose clientele is split pretty evenly between black and white, Fritz remarks that it's one of the most "diverse" places in the city. Although Ellison is African American, the couple acknowledge that most of the young professionals moving into the hip districts are white. While both live in racially mixed neighborhoods, the black residents tend to be older, usually long-established professionals and working people.

Adam Hollier is an exception. He grew up in Detroit, went to grad school at the U-M, and briefly served on the Ann Arbor school board before moving back home, where he ran for city council this year. At Perfecting Church the Sunday before the election, he shared the stage with Benny Napoleon and Andy Sokoly's candidate, Scott Benson. Despite the support of the church and an endorsement by the *Detroit News,* he lost narrowly to a better-known candidate.

Hollier, who has a staff job on city council, graduated from one of the city's best schools, Renaissance High. But he says less than a third of his classmates still live in the city—most have professional jobs in the suburbs in Michigan or around the country. He thinks one reason that more black Detroiters haven't joined the new entrepreneurial set is that "they saw no role models growing up." Another factor, he and others say, is the simple desire to live somewhere other than where you grew up.

In November, a few days after a drive-by shooter killed three people in a barber shop/gambling spot on Seven Mile Rd., I call Brianna Fritz to talk about crime. "It's definitely very troubling," she says. "Unfortunately, it's a reality … When something happens to a friend of yours—a car window broken or someone is mugged—your guard goes up. It's important your guard be up." She makes sure someone walks her to her car if she's out at night and keeps her car locked and empty to reduce the risk of break-ins.

Like most Ann Arbor transplants, Andy Sokoly stresses that the city doesn't explode with crime at every street corner. "If you're aware of your surroundings, it's a lot safer than it's portrayed on TV," he says. Still, that vigilance takes a toll. When he returns to Ann Arbor, he admits, "it's like a weight has lifted from my shoulders."

The other big question mark for young people putting down roots in the city is education: Sokoly admits that if he were married and thinking about having children, sending them to the struggling Detroit Public Schools "would be a long, hard thought."

Craig Regester had that long thought—and left. The director of U-M's Semester in Detroit program, Regester lived in southwest Detroit for eighteen years. But last year, he and his wife made the painful decision to move to suburban Berkley.

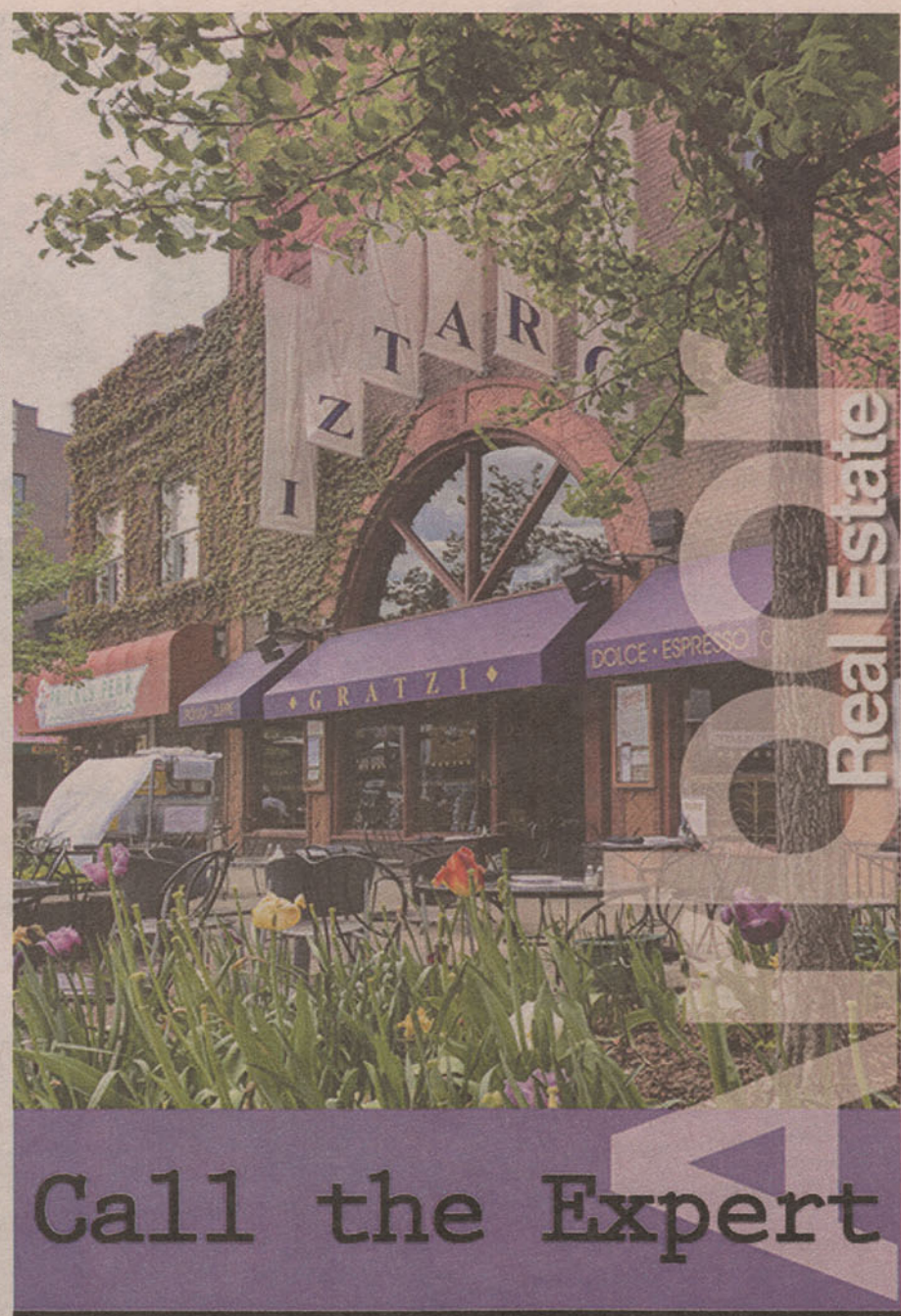
Regester explains that they wanted their two kids to stay in public schools but in ones better than they were attending. "I loved my neighborhood," he tells me. "It was truly diverse." But he loved his kids more.

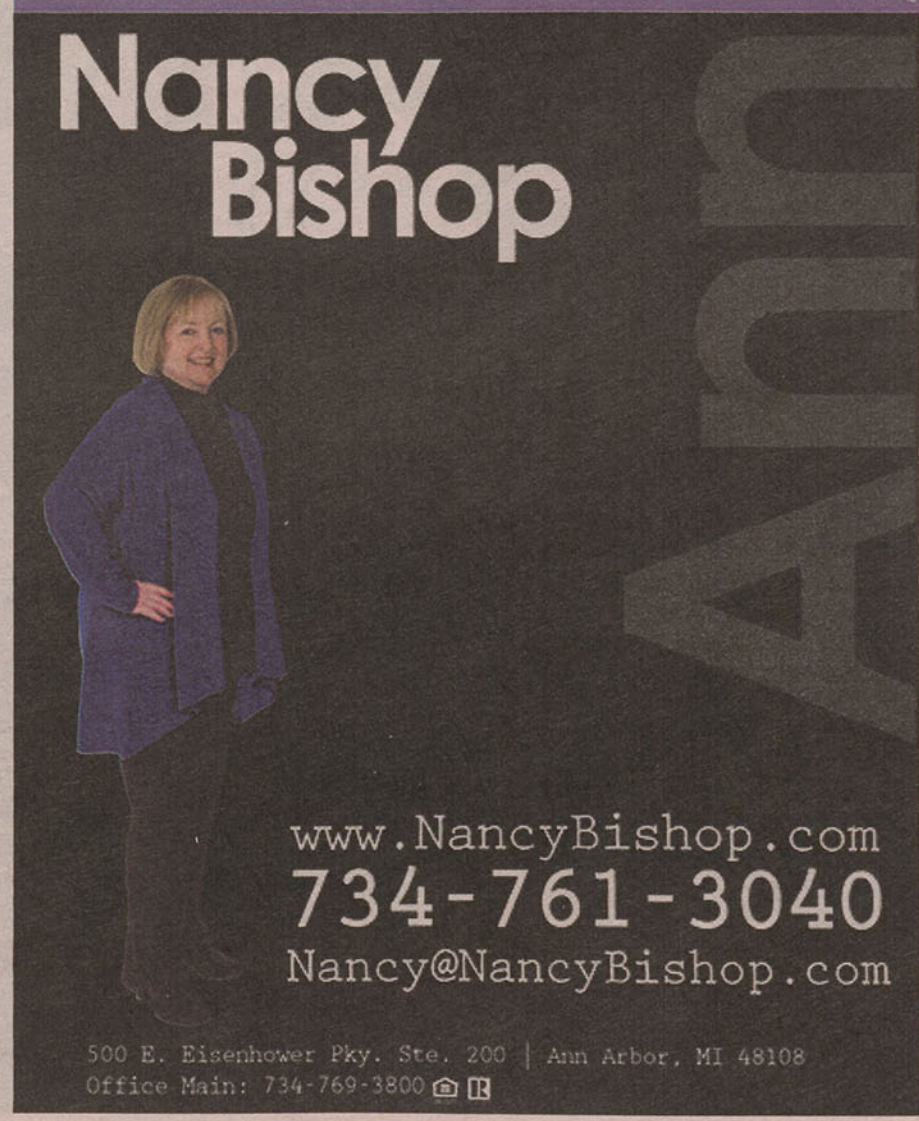
For many Detroiters, moving isn't an option. Longtime residents, black and white, have seen the city erode around them for decades as old neighbors die or move away. Many young people either have no jobs or wait for the bus to take them to minimum-wage jobs in the suburbs. For them, the green shoots along Woodward are little more than a distant rumor.

I was struck by that contrast when I visited an elderly friend of mine in the city. For fifty-some years, she's lived near Eight Mile Rd. on a street that just barely manages to be "stable." She scrapes by, recently leaving a prescription unfilled because she couldn't afford the $200 cost. Her life centers around her church and her friends, most of whom live nearby.

When I describe the neighborhoods I've been visiting, she looks blank. I ask her if she's ever been to Corktown.

"No, but I've heard of it," she says. "It's supposed to be cute, isn't it?" ■





Lifetime Relationships

With over 360 providers, IHA gives you great access to care for the entire family, with many of the providers located right here where you live and work. Our primary care physicians and specialists are not only highly-trained and experienced, but they are ready to offer you a lifetime of care.

We are now accepting new patients. To find a physician near you, visit **IHAcares.com**

IHA

Ann Arbor • Brighton • Canton • Chelsea • Clinton • Hamburg • Howell • Milan • Pinckney • Plymouth • Saline • Ypsilanti

Caring CASAs

by Jan Schlain

J. ADRIAN WYLIE

Freedom (center) with her former court-appointed special advocate, Janice Gilyard, and Huron High counselor Ivory Wright.

"Have you ever heard of Michigan Adoption Resource Exchange, www.mare.org?" Joyce Tesoriero asks.

She swivels her chair around to her computer. "This is gonna break your heart," she warns.

The screen in her office in the county courthouse fills with listings. "This is all the children who are in foster care right now who are available to be adopted," she explains. "This is just in Michigan. There are fourteen pages of them."

"What breaks your heart are all the fifteen- and sixteen-year-olds, and they want to be adopted. Not many families want to take on a fifteen-year-old," says Tesoriero, in her Brooklyn accent. It's her job to coordinate the county's court-appointed special advocates, volunteers who work with children who have been removed from their families and placed in foster care.

Tesoriero navigates to another page titled "waiting males." "I know this is horrible," she says, "but if you ever look for a pet online, it's so similar it kind of makes you nauseous."

The ways kids end up being advertised here are even more disturbing. "It's not unusual to have drug addiction as an issue of the parents, so the children are being neglected because they're being left while the parents are out doing drugs, or abused. I mean, we've seen kids used as drug runners—it's not as unusual as it should be—they're in the home, they witness violence, they can witness shootings."

The first court-appointed special advocates—everyone calls them CASAs—were recruited in Seattle in the 1970s. "A judge realized there was a need for … someone who really paid attention to what was going on with an individual child," Tesoriero says. "Workers are overloaded, lawyers are overloaded. Everybody has dozens of kids on their caseload. So he came up with this idea of citizen volunteers who just had one case, or one sibling group, who *really* got to know the child and know the needs of the child."

Though there were CASAs here earlier, the program really took off locally in the 2000s. CASA supervisor Gini Harmon says that 70 percent of the time, parents who lose custody have themselves had traumatic childhoods. Part of the goal is to break that cycle by giving kids a nurturer, role model, and steady presence.

Tesoriero calls the program "volunteering on steroids." After a two-hour interview and screening, each volunteer completes a forty-hour pre-service training program before being sworn in as an officer of the court. The CASAs then have access to the child's records, are able to interview people involved with the child, and are required to present a written formal recommendation to the presiding magistrate—usually court referee Molly Schikora. "The most important sentences we write are recommendations for what that child needs," says Tesoriero.

To see the process at work, go a few doors down the hall to Schikora's courtroom. She appoints the CASAs and hears all of these kids' cases. For some, she's the closest thing they have to a mother.

The first time I was there, a teenager named Freedom marched right up to the podium when her name was called. (Now eighteen, Freedom and Kossiwa agreed to be identified by their real names; all other children's names in this article are pseudonyms.)

Just a year old when her parents' rights were terminated, Schikora tells me later, Freedom had a number of foster placements but was never adopted. The most promising, with relatives in Kentucky, fell apart when she was a teenager.

A perfect student when she was younger, "she fell in with a crowd that was challenging" when she came back, Schikora says, "so she had some consequences."

Since then, the referee has seen her every three months or so. "There was a period of time when I was seeing her more, because I thought it was important to remind her that we were aware of what she was up to, and we're interested in making sure she didn't deviate too far."

Schikora also appointed a CASA for Freedom—Janice Gilyard. An older African American woman, Gilyard developed a close relationship with the teen—"more like a life coach" than a court officer, Freedom says. When she found she was pregnant, Gilyard was the first person she called.

The reasons children end up in foster care are heartbreaking. Helping them is one of the city's toughest volunteer jobs.

After a lifetime in the juvenile court system, Schikora says, Freedom has "great self-advocacy skills." That day, though, she seemed to be advocating for all the wrong things. Though she had a loving foster mother—she was there in the courtroom, holding Freedom's newborn son—Freedom wanted to leave her home and live with her boyfriend. As Schikora summarized it later, she asked for "a check for this and a check for that"—an apartment, furniture, a tutor for the SAT test. She also wanted to go to the prom.

No one thought the move was a good idea—Gilyard's written report recommended against it—and Schikora downgraded the tutor to a test prep book. Frills like a prom dress weren't the court's problem.

CASA did have a small "Cinderella fund" that might help, but Gilyard had some advice about that, too. Though Freedom had picked out a $200 dress, Gilyard called Joyce Tesoriero to say she thought $100 was plenty. Cutting the request in half would help Freedom learn to budget—and to learn she can't get everything she wants.

The CASA "was the voice of reason," says Tesoriero, "for both of us."

J. ADRIAN WYLIE

Joyce Tesoriero (red jacket, center), says that being a CASA is "volunteering on steroids." Gini Harmon and Dean DeGalan are back row right.

Linda Miller used to be principal of St. Francis school. Now she voluneers as a CASA. So far, she has worked with seven children, all under eight years old.

"Children always need the love," she says. So she'll take them for walks and talk with them as they look at the trees and birds. "I know they are struggling with 'Why did my mom abandon me?'" Miller says.

Her first two cases closed because the children were adopted—the outcome the CASA and court always want. She was in court in November with the third. This case, too, should be headed for a happy ending—but both the child's Ann Arbor foster mother and an out-of-state relative want custody. Miller has recommended keeping the girl with her foster mother, and the attorney representing the child and her Department of Human Services caseworker agree. But because the law favors blood relatives over foster parents, she may yet end up moving.

Older children are rarely so wanted. Three years ago, CASA Dean DeGalan,

LENA & HABANA

For every $50 in gift card purchases, receive a packet of coupons valued at over $75 for 2014

JANUARY
Buy one lunch, get one FREE of equal or lesser value, 11am – 4pm Monday - Friday

FEBRUARY
Jump the line! Priority admittance to Habana for you and three of your friends!

MARCH
FREE appetizer in Lena

APRIL
FREE order of tacos in Habana

MAY
FREE soup or salad with purchase of any entrée in Lena

JUNE
$50 OFF room charge on a VIP room reservation in Habana

JULY
FREE kid's meal with purchase of any adult entrée in Lena

AUGUST
FREE order of Fish Tacos in Lena

SEPTEMBER
FREE dessert in Lena

OCTOBER
FREE order of nachos in Habana

NOVEMBER
FREE order of Guacamole Dip

DECEMBER
Buy one sandwich or taco get one FREE

food of the americas
226 s. main • ann arbor • 734.994.2773
facebook.com/lenaannarbor • facebook.com/habana.annarbor

Edwards, Ellis, Armstrong & Company
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

OVER 15 CPAs PROVIDING THESE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES SINCE 1972:

- Tax Preparation & Planning
- Fraud Examinations
- Accounting & Bookkeeping
- Financial Planning
- Audits, Reviews & Compilations

206 S. Fourth Avenue | Ann Arbor, MI 48104 | (734) 662-0277

WWW.EEACPAS.COM

Caring CASAs

sixty-one, was paired with two teenage siblings, Cathy and David.

Both were initially placed with a foster family in Romulus. But in David, DeGalan says, they "took on more than they could handle … allegedly, he [was] involved in vandalism outside of [the] home. They called the police" and decided David should live elsewhere.

To DeGalan, it was obvious that David needed a strong male figure in his life. But his next placement, with a foster care father in Redford, didn't work out, either. The foster father, DeGalan says, "was well-meaning, but a softhearted guy."

David was skipping school and "having encounters with the law. He had an altercation one weekend with one of his [foster] siblings … the police were called, and David was hauled away. Then he stole a car, once or twice—once it was [his foster father's] car.

Next, the court sent David to "a residential community in Adrian," but it wasn't a secure facility, and he kept going AWOL. "The sheriff would go out and bring him back," says DeGalan, but "they got to the point where they said, 'He can't stay here.'

"That fall he was moved to a detention center in Saginaw, a locked-down center. There he sat for about six months. That's when I gave him some tough love.

"I told him how it was and what he needed to do to get his life in order. Of course it is everyone else's fault. 'If you guys would leave me alone, I'd be fine,' he would say. 'That's not the way it works,' I would tell him. 'You have to toe the line if you want out of here.' He didn't want to hear that. He broke down in tears. I was there to tell him how it is. I talked him through."

Then, as if David's life didn't have enough trauma, his foster dad in Redford—the one person he said he wanted to return to—was murdered.

No wonder DeGalan says that sometime, being a CASA can feel like "two steps forward, one step back—or, on worse days, it's one step forward and two steps back. But by and large I feel like I am making a difference as a CASA and helping the court to make better decisions on the welfare of these kids."

And lately, David's life has been going better. His biological father is in prison, but he has an adoptive mother, and she agreed to take him back. David is currently living with her in Ann Arbor and playing basketball on his high school team. "He still sees his sister," DeGalan says. "He admires her."

So does DeGalan. He says he and Cathy quickly formed a "warm, trusting relationship … I think she saw me as a resource, someone to rely on and trust, for assistance."

The case of the child-trafficking janitor

Most child welfare cases pass unnoticed by the media, but local CASA volunteers were recently involved in one that became national news: the "parent" who lost custody was trafficking kids.

CASA coordinator Joyce Tesoriero pulls out a clipping from the *Detroit Free Press*. "It took five years for them to figure it out," she says. "This guy brought them over from Togo [in west Africa], and went out of his way to find kids who were short, so that they looked younger. He used them to bring in welfare money. He was a janitor at U of M. They had bruises, bad clothing …"

In March, the *Free Press* reported the sentencing of Jean-Claude Toviave: "Showing no emotion and offering no apology, an Ypsilanti man was sentenced to 11¼ years in federal prison today for enslaving and abusing four west Africans in his home for years, pretending they were his own children after sneaking them into the country with fake documents." A jury convicted Toviave after hearing testimony that he beat the children with "broomsticks, a toilet plunger, sticks, ice scrapers and phone chargers if they failed to do their house chores."

Tesoriero can't talk much about the case, but says she remembers the kids well. One was already an adult, but the three younger children became wards of the court, and all were assigned CASAs. One has since aged out and another has been adopted, but Gini Harmon is still working with eighteen-year-old Kossiwa.

J. ADRIAN WYLIE

Kossiwa with CASA supervisor (and volunteeer) Gini Harmon. Now eighteen, she was one of four young people Jean-Claude Toviave trafficked from Togo in west Africa by pretending they were his own children. All are now doing well. Toviave is serving 11 1/4 years in prison

Despite the trauma they went through, Tesoriero says, "they were all smart kids. The CASA was very, very involved, and got to know the kids very well."

Of the three who came into care, she says, the oldest is in college and doing very well. Kossiwa is a high school senior and college bound; she now has a child of her own. The youngest is living with his new family, attending high school, and playing football. —*J.S.*

But unlike David, Cathy didn't need much. She left the foster home in Romulus soon after her brother but had the good fortune to be taken in by a family in Belleville, where "both parents were mentors with a capital M," DeGalan says. "They shepherded her through the process, and they deserve the lion's share of the credit for putting her on the path of personal growth. They were really, really good people."

"'That's not the way it works,'" DeGalan told David. "'You have to toe the line if you want out of here.' He didn't want to hear that. He broke down in tears. I was there to tell him how it was."

Now twenty, she's living independently and studying at Washtenaw Community College. "She has a part-time job," DeGalan says, "and she's also caring for her nephew."

While he gives the foster parents the credit for her progress, Joyce Tesoriero thinks DeGalan deserves some, too. "It is hard because you need two pieces," she says. "You need a child who's willing to accept what is being offered and people who are there to give it. Dean was instrumental in helping Cathy to achieve her potential."

Things are going better for Freedom this year, too. Though family obligations recently forced Janice Gilyard to step back from being a CASA, she still helps out with the program. And Gilyard told Freedom she could call her anytime—not as a CASA, but as a friend.

It's early November, and Freedom is back in Schikora's courtroom. Her baby was staying with the father's parents for the weekend. She tells Schikora she's seeing a new therapist she really likes, has gotten her grades up, and hopes to enroll at EMU after she graduates from Huron High next June.

Freedom "has been doing a wonderful job," her DHS caseworker confirms. "She is a good mother. She's writing poems … making good progress in therapy. She's really had a breakthrough." Joyce Tesoriero, sitting next to me, is almost teary-eyed with joy.

Schikora asks how the baby is, and Freedom smiles. "He's nine months," she tells the court. "He can walk now."

This time, Freedom has a much shorter wish list: She will need the $60 fee for her Huron High yearbook, and, come June, rental for her graduation cap and gown.

"Anything else I should know about?" asks Schikora.

"I may make honor roll," Freedom tells her. "I have all As and Bs, except for algebra." ■

Bennett
OPTOMETRY
Who's the Grinch?
If you can't tell, it's time for an eye exam!
This holiday season give the gift of good vision and good health. Refer a new patient to either our Green Road or Main Street offices for a comprehensive eye examination and you will both receive a $25.00 credit on your accounts.* This is our way of thanking our current patients for their trust and support for over 60 years, and to welcome new patients to our practice. The doctors and staff at Bennett Optometry wish you and your family a happy and healthy holiday season.
Bennett Optometry. The Eye Care Professionals.
Good Vision. Good Health.
THE EYE CARE PROFESSIONALS
117 SOUTH MAIN STREET: 734.665.5306
2000 GREEN ROAD, STE. 200: 734.930.2373
CLINIC FOR VISION ENHANCEMENT: 734.665.5310
WWW.BENNETTOPTOMETRY.COM
*Credit must be used in the office.

Devoted to our patients.

CPRS Aesthetics Loyalty Program

We are excited to announce our new Aesthetics Loyalty Program! Earn points for every dollar you spend on Aesthetic products and services and then redeem your points for future purchases.

Earn and Redeem Loyalty Points for:

- Skin Care Consultations
- Medical Grade Skin Care Products
- Microdermabrasion & UltraSonic Facials
- Facial Peels & Dermaplaning
- Botox/ Dysport & Dermal Fillers
- Laser Hair Reduction & Photo Facials
- Pixel Resurfacing & Laser 360
- Massage Therapy

Take advantage of our *Special holiday offer**. If you purchase $100 worth of skin care products in the month of December, we will load an additional 1000 points to your card ($50 value) to use towards a future Aesthetic purchase. There is no cost to join, so be sure to sign up at your next visit.

*some restrictions apply.

734-712-2323

www.facebook.com/CPRSA2
www.cprs-aa.com

CENTER FOR PLASTIC & RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY

Members AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PLASTIC SURGEONS

Paul Izenberg, MD • David Hing, MD • Richard Beil, MD • Daniel Sherick, MD • Ian Lytle, MD

Dedicated to Results.

Aesthetic Loyalty Program Details: cprs-aa.com/ loyalty

COURTESY SUSAN CAMPBELL

Michigan's Premier Ford / Lincoln Dealer

VARSITY LINCOLN

Open SATURDAYS

VARSITY FORD • ANN ARBOR

#1 Dealer In The Nation

*Based on 2012 LINCOLN new national retail sales.

49251 Grand River at Wixom Road • Novi
I-96/Wixom Rd. Exit 159, Just 2 exits West of 12 Oaks Mall
TOLL FREE 1-800-240-8685

Serving Michigan's Automotive Needs Since 1981

3480 JACKSON AT WAGNER, ANN ARBOR, MI
1-94 EXIT #172, TURN LEFT
1-800-954-0286

VarsityAutos.com

One of her favorite things about HOAA, Campbell says, is capturing the "love and emotion between people."

COURTESY SUSAN CAMPBELL

FACES of the CITY

SUSAN CAMPBELL and HUMANS of ANN ARBOR

by Shelley Daily

Susan Campbell walks briskly down N. Fourth Ave. with her Pentax camera around her neck, pursuing an older couple who stride arm in arm, bundled together against the cold. She approaches them with a smile and asks if she could take their picture for her Facebook page, Humans of Ann Arbor. "I think we'll pass, thank you," the man says.

It's a rare rejection. Campbell launched her project last year—one of hundreds around the world inspired by Brandon Stanton's Humans of New York, a Facebook page that features portraits of everyday people in the city. Since then, she's asked hundreds of Ann Arborites to pose, and she estimates that 95 percent of them have agreed.

Campbell admits it was "intimidating at first to talk to strangers." But now nothing will stop her. Walking on, she soon fixes on her next target: a mother and her young daughter toting bags from the Farmers Market. They're willing to be photographed, and Campbell asks them a couple of questions as she shoots. They share a love of art, but the mother says it's really her daughter who has the talent. The daughter looks up at her mother and grins. Click. One of her favorite things about HOAA, Campbell says, is capturing the "love and emotion between people."

Campbell is a fresh-faced forty-two-year-old with kind brown eyes and an edgy brown bob with funky red highlights. She owns Ann Arbor's Susan K Photography (her middle name is Kay), which specializes in children's, family, and event photography.

Campbell remembers being "intrigued" when one of her Facebook friends shared a photo of a man with a mohawk from Stanton's Humans of New York page. She claimed the Humans of Ann Arbor name in May 2012. Since she started posting regularly last fall, she's built a following of more than 3,000 "likes" (see "The 3,000th 'Like,'" p. 42). She spends about twenty-five hours a week on her business and another ten hours photographing, editing, posting, and monitoring her online project—although she says it's "not overly produced or glamorous—just [photos of] people doing what they're doing," usually with a note about her encounter, or a brief mini-interview.

> Campbell was "intrigued" when a friend shared a photo of a man with a mohawk from Brandon Stanton's Humans of New York Facebook page. She claimed the Humans of Ann Arbor name, and since she started posting regularly last fall, has built a following of more than 3,000 "likes."

"People are so lonely," she says, "and the 'Humans' projects are a balm for that." She usually spends just a couple minutes with a photo subject, but there are times she'll talk for a half an hour or more. She lets the humans "lead the way."

Campbell moved to Ann Arbor from Chicago four years ago with her husband, JT Anderson, and their son Oscar, now thirteen, when Anderson took a job as creative director at Enlighten, a digital marketing company. She'd lived in Chicago for sixteen years and attended Columbia College's photography program. Campbell was an apprentice under Mark Brown—a popular Chicago photographer who has been featured on Oprah—eventually managing his studio. There, she says, she learned all there was to learn, from how to create an heirloom photograph to marketing.

She was ready to strike out on her own. But when she arrived here, she found herself "mourning for Chicago and my life there." She missed her small neighborhood in the big city. So she reached out to an elderly neighbor, got a puppy, met more neighbors on her walks, and started getting photo jobs after a friend shared her business flyer at a prenatal yoga group.

She took her first HOAA photo in June of last year, in her neighborhood at Maryfield Wildwood Park. She circled the park on her bike for several minutes, her camera in the basket, eyeing a group of adults. She finally approached them nervously. Their response: "Oh, sure!" "But I took a terrible, blurry shot!" she laughs, which offended her own "perfectionistic tendencies." (She later took it down, but reposted it on the page's one-year anniversary.) Since that day, her photos have gotten better, and the project has become "an ethos I've taken on … you're being brave, you're crossing boundaries."

Being brave is nothing new to Campbell. When she was twenty, the Joplin, Missouri, native was on a full-ride debate scholarship at Missouri State when she was diagnosed with early-stage Hodgkin's disease. Campbell went through chemo and radiation and lost all of her hair. It "threw me on a total rollercoaster," she

RUNNING FIT
"get out and run"

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 29
BLACK FRIDAY SALE

NOVEMBER 30
SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

DECEMBER 6-8
HUGE HOLIDAY SALE!

DECEMBER 7
HOLIDAY HUSTLE
www.runholiday5k.com

Ann Arbor East
Arbor Hills
3010 Washtenaw Ave.,
Suite 105
(734) 548-6299

Ann Arbor Downtown
123 E. Liberty
(734) 769-5016

Ann Arbor Westside
5700 Jackson Rd.
(734) 929-9022

For more information go to www.runningfit.com or call 734.929.9027

says, and "challenged my identity." The debate superstar, who'd won a state championship in high school, hibernated at her mother's home until some friends lured her out to Colorado, where she worked for a year as a ski lift operator.

"I had to do something big to put myself in a different direction," she says. "Little by little I gained confidence in my body again." Not a good skier, but hanging out with friends who were, she got tired of being left alone at the top of the slopes while her friends barreled down the mountain. She saw it as a metaphor for her dilemma: "I was terrified of embracing life."

A skiing friend told her, "You've got to let yourself get out of control." She did, and became a better skier—and when she returned home she decided she was on the "wrong path with debate." She bought a camera and got her first lens at a thrift store. "I've always been kind of poetic, a dreamer, lost in my imagination a lot." For her, photography is a "touch point—a way of documenting what's in my imagination."

When her high school friend JT Anderson, who was studying film at Columbia College, encouraged her to come to Chicago and study photography there, she did. The good friends quickly fell in love—and soon eloped to Las Vegas to be married.

Downtown Ann Arbor is Campbell's favorite place to shoot, because people are most receptive there—"maybe because they're more camera ready," she guesses. She also likes the mix of people around Plum Market and Value World on the west side. She strives, wherever she is, to get diverse shots—although she's noticed "it's a lot easier for the privileged to open up."

"When I'm afraid to ask someone, I make myself do it," she says. "If I'm afraid [that means] there's a tension in me I want to explore." She remembers wanting to ask a young woman wearing a hijab if she could photograph her but worried she'd decline. She asked anyway. "I got this beautiful shot of her eating a cupcake," she says. Campbell also recalls hesitating to approach a group of tattooed and pierced young adults—but when she did, "they were nice to me."

Campbell estimates that 95 percent of the people she asks agree to be photographed.

J. ADRIAN WYLIE

The majority of subjects are pleased with the photos, but if someone asks her to remove their photo from her page, she will. Her most popular shots so far, are of Kelly Rothe (see box) and of Blimpy Burger's owner on the frenzied final day of business. Each has been viewed online more than 30,000 times.

Her photo encounters from today include a woman in glasses and a colorful hat who cuts through the Farmers Market on her way to work in the kitchen at Zingerman's Deli; a rugged farmer from Tantre in his worn Carhartt coat; a freckled beauty peering through the glass terrarium she bought at Treasure Mart; and an anonymous man with a red scarf and long, curly hair walking his dog named Rodin. The guy with the dog already has drawn a few female admirers in the comments (but hasn't identified himself yet).

Campbell doesn't post her full name on the page but says she isn't really trying to be anonymous—"Susan K" is just a nickname from her childhood. She says it's difficult for her to "turn off" the project—she's always wanting to document a new face, even when she's "off duty" and out with her husband and son. She enjoys collaborating with other people—especially some U-M students she's worked with—who follow her, share fresh ideas, and sometimes contribute photos.

She plans to continue Humans of Ann Arbor for at least another year. Brandon Stanton, who acknowledges the "Humans" spinoffs but isn't affiliated with them, published a coffee-table book of his portraits that hit No. 1 on the *New York Times* bestseller list. Campbell's thinking of doing a calendar. But for now, she sees the project as a "gift" she can share. She simply wants "people to stop and have a moment to think about how cool life is." ■

COURTESY SUSAN CAMPBELL

Rothe had an "amazing and unexpected" reason to be photographed.

the 3,000th "like": Kelly Rothe

When Susan Campbell promised to photograph the 3,000th person to "like" her Humans of Ann Arbor Facebook page, Kelly Rothe was determined to be that person. The twenty-year-old EMU student hovered over her computer, watching the numbers rise. She hit the "like" link at the perfect moment, and got her wish: her photo appeared on HOAA in early November.

Rothe wasn't just seeking a moment of fame, Campbell says; she had an "amazing and unexpected" reason for wanting to be photographed. In May, Rothe will become the youngest person in Michigan—and possibly the country—to have a preventive double mastectomy. Rothe's mother died of breast cancer when Rothe was nine, and her mother's sister also died of the disease. When Rothe was eighteen she learned that she tested positive for the BRCA gene mutation, which predicts she will have a 90 percent chance of getting breast cancer in her lifetime—and, she says, "this type of breast cancer hits hard and fast." Rothe, who says she's "not one to hide," saw HOAA as a "nice opportunity" to go public with her story.

Within days, the post was shared more than 100 times and "liked" by more than 1,000 people, with comments such as "strong, amazing young woman" and "incredibly brave and smart." Rothe says she's been "on cloud nine," and that "no amount of support is too much support."

In the HOAA photo, Rothe holds out her arm, displaying an "I love you" tattoo over her wrist. The handwritten message was scanned from a journal her mother kept from the time she was pregnant with Rothe up until she was three. She says she placed the tattoo on her wrist because as a young teen she would cut herself there.

Although Campbell didn't share every detail of Rothe's story on HOAA, she says initially she was nervous about the post. "I want to take good care of the people who tell me their story," she says, and the serious subject matter combined with the possibility of negative commenters made her wary. But she says she's "so happy for Kelly" and the positive responses she's received—and she likes that HOAA gave her a platform to reach out to others. "This might help someone else to be brave—and maybe not just about cancer, but about how they navigate in the world," Campbell says.

"I feel so lucky to have this [HOAA] project ... sometimes it's so silly—and sometimes it's serious," Campbell says. "But that's life, right?" —*S.D.*

BOYD

Beauty
Optimism
Youth
Dignity

CELEBRATE
With a Girls Night Out

Special Occasions

Bachelorette Birthday Holiday Office

Customized Packages/Select From

- Botox
- Chemical Peel
- Dermal Filler
- Facial
- Chair Massage
- Skin Tightening

NEW CUSTOMERS RECEIVE $50 OFF BOTOX!!!
(Ann Arbor office/limited quantity)

Refreshments and gift bags included

Call to schedule TODAY at 734-669-6000

GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE

SKINMEDICA SKINCEUTICALS REVISION ViDERM

Like us on Facebook for Holiday Discounts

Shari Martuscelli, RN
Lead Practitioner

www.boydbeauty.com
info@boydbeauty.com

1000 E. Stadium Blvd, Suite 4
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
T 734 669 6000 **F** 734 669 6006

There's a reason they call it *Treasure Mart.*
New treasures found every day.

Treasure Mart

Everything on Consignment

529 Detroit Street • Ann Arbor • 734.662.1363 • www.treasuremart.com • Monday–Saturday 9:00–5:30

Additional Holiday Hours: Sundays 11am-4pm Dec. 1st, Dec. 8th, Dec. 15th, & Dec 22nd.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

KERRYTOWN® KINDLEFEST

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6th; 6–10pm

The 5th Annual KindleFest, a traditional outdoor holiday market, will take place in the Farmers Market featuring artisans and farmers selling their goods and wares for the holiday season. FREE EVENT!

Visit us on Facebook: KerrytownKindlefest.

FIRE PITS FOR S'MORES & WARM-UPS • LOCAL BEERS & MULLED WINE • BRATS, SAUERKRAUT & PRETZELS • LIVE MUSIC • LOCAL ARTIST'S GIFTS & CREATIONS • FRESH HOLIDAY GREENS • FRESH FARM PRODUCE • BAKED GOODS

MIDNIGHT MADNESS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6th
Shops open 'til MIDNIGHT!

Throughout Kerrytown, merchants are participating in this year's event with fantastic sales to help you get a jump on your holiday shopping!

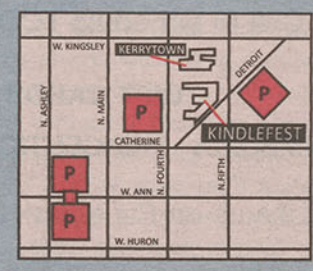
CHILDREN'S LANTERN PARADE

FRIDAY, DEC 6th; 6:30–7:30pm

Purchase lanterns in the Farmers Market. $10 per lantern, or bring your own! Meet at 6:30 in the Farmers Market (look for lanterns). Parade starts at 7pm.

Kerrytown® DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
A Neighborhood Alive With History, Commerce & Culture

SPONSORED BY KERRYTOWN® DISTRICT ASSOCIATION



16 HANDS
Handcrafted. Heartfelt.

Inspired gifts, guaranteed to make you (and someone special) smile!

16 HANDS
locally owned since 1975

Kerrytown Market & Shops
410 N. 4th Ave., 2nd floor
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
734.761.1110

check our website for extended December hours & events
16HandsGallery.com

vintage • artisan • eco-funky

Friday, Dec. 6th
MIDNIGHT MADNESS!
10am to Midnight!

Discover the "Christmas Store" at FOUND in Kerrytown

FOUND

Featuring holiday decor, stocking stuffers, antique postcards, handmade gifts, elves, vintage finds & fun surprises for everyone on your list!

407 N. FIFTH AVE • KERRYTOWN • ANN ARBOR
734.302.3060 • FOUNDGALLERY.COM

2013 Holiday Guide

Whether you're a professional shopper, amateur browser, or first-time gift giver, the Ann Arbor Observer has created the perfect holiday guide for your shopping ventures. Grab a pen and start checking people off your list—we'll have you finished with time to spare quicker than you can say "Ho, Ho, Ho!"

The days before Christmas are flying by, and you realize your gift-giving list is still so long! **Arborland Mall** is the place to be, conveniently located off US-23. With 400,000 square feet of retail, restaurants, and gift certificates aplenty—your shopping will be completed easily, especially with the extended holiday hours at most merchant venues!

With visions of sugar plums and candy canes dancing in your head, don't forget that red apple located locally in AA. **Crimson Apple Studios** can capture your family, pet, and more. They'll travel to your location, or you can opt for their local studio! You can send out your family holiday card this year in style—at Crimson Apple Studios you are the apple of their eye.

For the pickiest person on your list, give **Bellanina Day Spa**—the gift of bliss! From gift cards to high-quality skin care products, candles, bath accessories, and more, you'll find the perfect present at locally owned Bellanina. Come in for cookies, tea, and great savings during their Midnight Madness Sale. Pamper yourself or someone you love with the December Special—mocha body treatment, available for a limited time.

Music is in the air at **First United Methodist Church!** Christmas Eve worship service will be held at both locations, with a special organ concert and presentation of Vivaldi's Magnificat in G minor. Get in the holiday spirit with the 20th annual Christmas cookie sale and ask how you can get involved with mission projects and studies for all ages. All are welcome to join in the celebration.

Unique holiday gifts created by over 100 ceramic artists are what you will find at the **Pewabic Pottery** Annual Holiday Invitational in Detroit. Check out the nonprofit gallery, one of three historic Arts & Crafts–era potteries still in existence today. Pewabic is nationally renowned for its handmade ceramic tile and vases, all varying in unique glazes. If you're new to the ceramic world, knowledgeable staff will point you in the right direction—they even offer ceramics education classes!

For an authentic holiday treat, check out **Achatz Handmade Pie Company**. Offering 38 flavors of pie heaven, they make all-natural pies using Michigan fruit, flour, dairy, and sugar without a single artificial ingredient! World-famous Achatz has been featured on

BIRKENSTOCK
Made in Germany • Tradition seit 1774

The Magdala shearling boot by Birkenstock®

Fourth Ave Birkenstock
209 N FOURTH AVE
(734) 663-1644
MON-SAT 10 TO 6
Open Sundays
Dec 1st, 8th,15th & 22nd
From Noon to 4 pm
OPEN 'TIL MIDNIGHT
FRIDAY DEC 6TH FOR
MIDNIGHT MADNESS

Midnight Madness
SALE—December 6
20%–30% OFF
Unique Gemstone Jewelry
• Amber • Turquoise • Lapis Lazuli • Pearls
• Petoskey • Agate • Jasper • Quartz • and more!
Princess
DESIGNS
Jewelry & Rock Shop
407 N. Fifth Ave. • Kerrytown Market & Shops
Ann Arbor • 734.663.2628

from the holiday grind to complete unwind.....

From full body massages to skin care treatments to waxing and nail services, the Bellanina day spa is an indulgent escape from the everyday.

Come and spa...

bellanina®
SPA. BEAUTIFULLY.

View our specials and order gift cards online
www.bellaninadayspa.com

201 N. Fourth Ave. | Ann Arbor | 734-327-1000 | www.bellanina.com

2013 Holiday

the *Today* show, *Rachael Ray,* and the Food Network, and in *Bon Appétit* and *Food and Wine* magazines. Holiday pies include Pumpkin Cheesecake, Cannoli, French Pecan, Michigan 4-Berry, and Caramel Nut Apple.

For the person on your list who loves nifty scarves, functional fashion-forward footwear, and unique jewelry and apparel, we've found your spot! **Heavenly Metal** on E. Ann between Fourth and Fifth aves. offers an ever-changing inventory of one-of-a-kind pieces crafted by local artists as well as artists from around the world. Pop into one of their cozy holiday open houses every Friday night until 8 p.m. to find festive holiday items, artwork, handbags, and home goods gifts sure to please.

If you know a painter, sculptor, or collector, the **Ann Arbor Artists Collective** will be sure to impress the art lover in your life. Celebrating 15 years of hometown miniature art fairs, the Collective showcases holiday art for gift giving and artist-made ornaments to share with your whole family.

The weather outside is frightful, but **Mast Shoes** will find footwear that will delight you and those you love! Snuggle up in cozy wool Haflinger slippers (with arch support!) or thick Smartwool socks for women and men. Family-owned Mast Shoes offers the gift of comfort with a holiday gift card that will

Guide

have someone special on your list covered to shop for their own pair of stylish and supportive shoes or slippers. With Mast Shoes, your feet are always in good hands.

For our fashionable townies comes the elite **Lucile B. Conger Holiday Luncheon**, with a very special fashion show for those in attendance. Shop the gift market for coveted, one-of-a-kind pieces at Barton Hills Country Club. This December 3 event is a great outing to break up your usual big box store shopping routine!

Before video games and iPhones came the best gaming tool of all—imagination! **Lexi's Toy Box** on S. Ashley St. is the place for quality handcrafted toys that will turn your little ones into pirates and princesses! Only the finest materials are selected, from organic cotton dress-up clothes to solid wood pirate swords and fairy wands. Christmas morning wouldn't have been the same for a certain Observer advertising staffer without her favorite pink tutu and black pirate eye patch—she was the toughest fairy of them all!

Enjoy a wonderful holiday music tradition with the **Boychoir of Ann Arbor**. The unique and glorious sound of this outstanding local choir of all boys will delight young and old alike. This year, John Rutter's "Dancing Day"—a carol inspired by Britten's famous "Ceremony of Carols"—is featured, with elaborate harp solos and beautiful choral writing for

The Boychoir of Ann Arbor

A Boychoir Christmas

Friday December 13, 7 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church of Ypsilanti, 300 North Washington Street

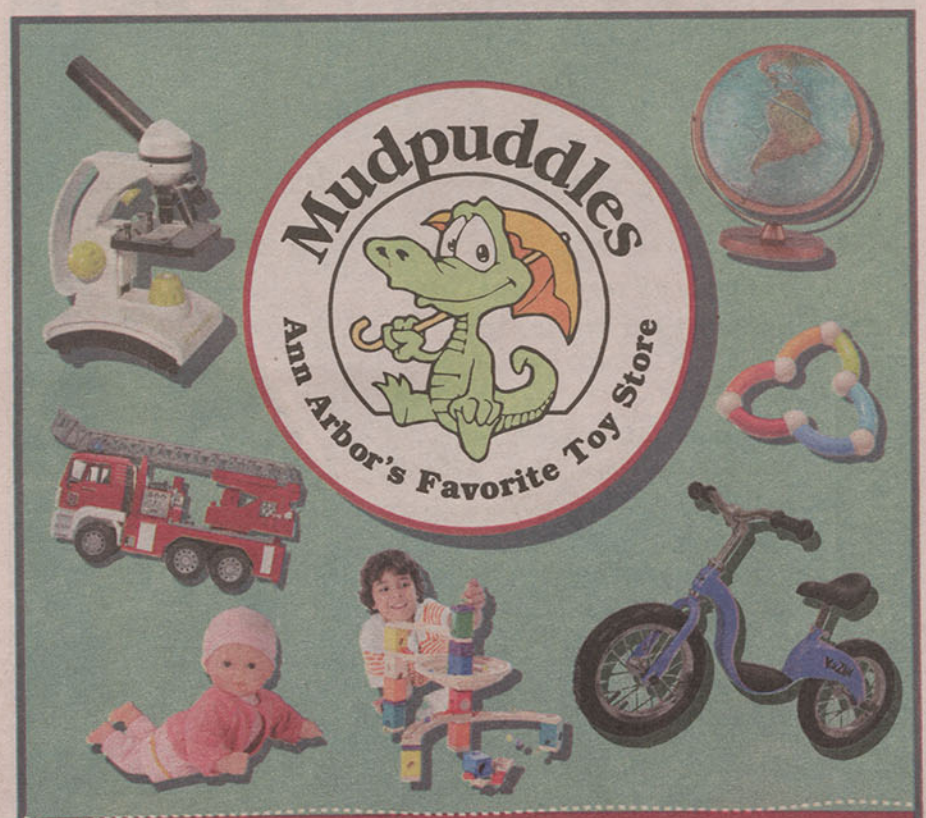
Saturday December 14, 3 p.m. & 7 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor, 1432 Washtenaw Avenue

tickets@aaboychoir.org aaboychoir.org 734.663.5377

Hollander's

SUPPLYING INSPIRATION SINCE 1991

Hollander's in the Kerrytown Shops 410 N Fourth Ave Ann Arbor 734-741-7531



MIDNIGHT MADNESS
20% OFF storewide all day
Friday December 6
10am–midnight

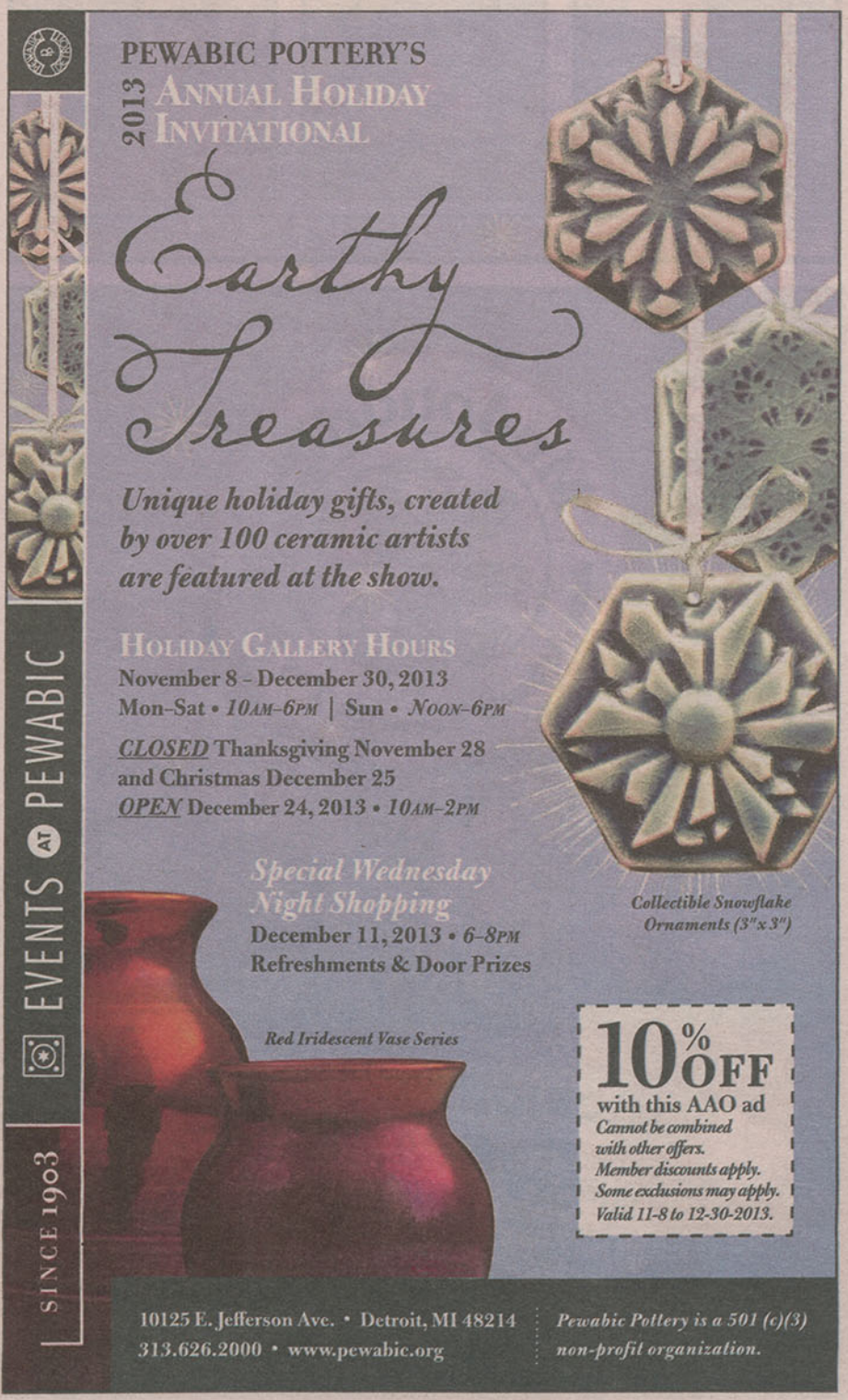
Mudpuddles 407 N. Fifth Ave. | Upstairs at Kerrytown | 734.662.0022

HEAVENLY metal

Open til 8pm every Friday in December

The Local "Go-To Gift Store" for the person who has everything...
heavenlymetal.com • 734.663.4247 • 207 e. ann street • between 4th & 5th avenues

Unique toys in all price ranges!
Lexi's Toy Box
OPEN
Open for Midnight Madness
Mail
We Have Fairy Doors!
Holiday Hours: Mon – Sat 10am – 5:30pm, Sunday 12pm – 4pm
Open: Christmas Eve Dec 24 10am – 3pm,
Closed: Christmas Dec 25, Dec 26, & Dec 31 – Jan 6
328 South Ashley (between Liberty & William)
(734) 332-1101
lexistoybox.com
Ample parking across the street


PEWABIC POTTERY'S
2013 ANNUAL HOLIDAY INVITATIONAL
Earthy Treasures
Unique holiday gifts, created by over 100 ceramic artists are featured at the show.
HOLIDAY GALLERY HOURS
November 8 - December 30, 2013
Mon-Sat • 10AM-6PM | Sun • NOON-6PM
CLOSED Thanksgiving November 28 and Christmas December 25
OPEN December 24, 2013 • 10AM-2PM
Special Wednesday Night Shopping
December 11, 2013 • 6-8PM
Refreshments & Door Prizes
Collectible Snowflake Ornaments (3"x 3")
Red Iridescent Vase Series
10% OFF with this AAO ad
Cannot be combined with other offers. Member discounts apply. Some exclusions may apply. Valid 11-8 to 12-30-2013.
EVENTS AT PEWABIC
SINCE 1903
10125 E. Jefferson Ave. • Detroit, MI 48214
313.626.2000 • www.pewabic.org
Pewabic Pottery is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization.

2013 Holiday

boy trebles. Come early to witness the moving opening candlelight procession.

For the foodie in your family who likes to think outside the box, consider the gift of hands-on cooking classes at **Ann Arbor Cooks!** Limited class sizes catering (no pun intended) to virtually every interest, age, and skill level are offered—you even get to keep any leftovers from class. Shake up your family routine with stress-free private cooking parties—they do all the prep and shopping, and even clean up when you're done!

The Observer has inside information that Santa has had his boots repaired once or twice over the years, and when he takes them in he looks to **Park Shoe Repair** for all his waterproofing and repair needs. Get ready for the season with waterproof Tote boots and Tingleys (rubber overshoes for men), as well as new leather belts and purses perfect for battling the elements.

Trusted **Procerus Skin Care** is the place to go for all of your cosmetic treatments and enhancements. Pamper yourself or someone special this season with non-invasive treatments that have been featured in magazines such as *Shape* and *Harper's Bazaar.* Dr. Kathleen Gilmore is the area's leader in Sculptra Aesthetics, and staff at female-owned Procerus are available to discuss any question you may have about that procedure you have been wondering about for

Ann Arbor art Center
THE PLACE
TO SHOP FOR
HOME GROWN HOLIDAY ART !
annarborartcenter.org/shop - 734-926-4129 - 117 W Liberty St.

Guide

years. Gift certificates are available.

Design the memories you make this season with **Envisionary Events & Design Service,** a quality business in Ann Arbor with a passion for personalizing events from beginning to end. Take the stress off yourself and trust Envisionary to superbly organize your holiday work event, family party, or end-of-the-year fundraiser. EEDS will simplify your day and make your event inspiring, imaginative, and memorable—while keeping all those personal "you" touches throughout.

Support your local downtown businesses this season at **Fourth Ave Birkenstock**. Bring your old Birkenstocks in for a recork and repair, or trade them in for a new pair—hey, it's the holidays, right? Birkenstock (celebrating 25 years in business!) carries high-quality comfort footwear—Finn Comfort, Think!, El Naturalista, and Haflinger wool clogs are available. Friendly and helpful staff will make sure you leave with the right shoes in hand.

Abracadabra Jewelry/Gem Gallery located downtown is the place to go for affordable, handmade, and custom pieces created with locally purchased gold, silver, and platinum. Bring some sparkle to your life! Abracadabra designers create unique pieces from ethically mined fair trade diamonds and precious gemstones.

Envisionary Events & Design

Envisionary Events & Design will bring your visions to life — quality, affordable event planning needs and custom design services. Visit us as www.envisionary events.com

WHY DON'T WE DO IT ON A "DIFFERENT" ROAD?

Flatsnoots Christmas Trees

SAME OLD TRAILER at a NEW LOCATION World Headquarters will be at

The Arbor Farms-ACE Hardware Plaza @ 2103 West Stadium (just North of the Post Office)

Types of Trees This Year

• DOUGLAS FIR • FRASER FIR • CONCOLOR FIR • GRAND FIR •
• NOBLE FIR • BLUE SPRUCE • SCOTCH PINE • WHITE PINE •

Sizes from 3 foot table-tops to monster 15 footers.
Wreaths (decorated and undecorated), roping (garland), and tree stands will be available.

Discounts Remain The Same:
10% to geezers
10% to anyone who wears a sombrero
10% to anyone shorter than my friend Phil

Fine Services Available:
- Valet Parking
- We will fresh-cut, prune & fit your tree to your stand.
- Tree delivery is available.

Peace & Prosperity to All!
Duke HGBIC

Flatsnoots is a charter member of the North American Wood Tick Association
• Jack Pine Savage Chapter •
Proud member of
Mom & Pop Retailers Assoc.

Coolest, Funkiest, most AH-mazingly bodacious Hat wins a Krazy Jim's Blimpy Burger Gift Certificate

- Apologies to J. Lennon -

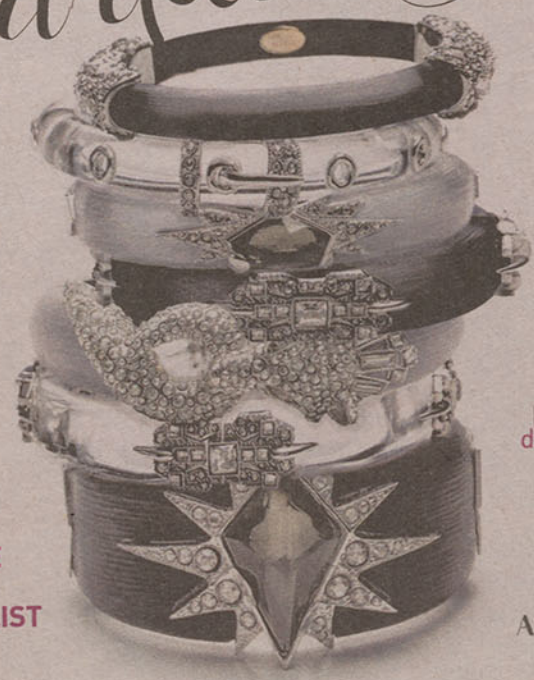
10am-8pm Every Day Starting Friday Nov. 23rd

734-761-9350 | 306 South Main Street | lilygracecosmetics.com | Lily Grace Cosmetics

lily grace
Makeup • Gifts • Skincare

full spa and service menu now online

TIS THE SEASON TO Sparkle + Shine



GIFTS OF LUXURY AND BEAUTY FOR EVERYONE ON YOUR LIST

cosmetics
skincare
fragrance
spa services including manicures, pedicures and dry bar for hair
gift cards
jewelry by
ALEXIS BITTAR

Ann Arbor Cooks!
A School for the Epicurious

COOKING CLASSES
hands-on, full participation, adults, kids

CORPORATE EVENTS
team building, 'Iron-Chef,' private dinners

GIFT CERTIFICATES
a gift for your favorite foodie

COOKING PARTIES
the perfect gathering place with friends & family

www.annarborcooks.com
5060 Jackson Road • Ann Arbor, MI 48103 • 734.645.1030

ARBORLAND

3527 - 3795 Washtenaw Avenue
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

All Your Needs
in one convenient location.

- America's Best
- Chili's
- DSW
- Five Guys Burgers & Fries
- H&R Block
- Michaels
- OfficeMax
- Potbelly Sandwich Works
- Toys R Us
- Bed Bath & Beyond
- Diva Nails & Spa
- Famous Footwear
- Firestone
- Jos.A.Bank
- Noodles & Co.
- Old Navy
- Sleep Number
- Ulta Beauty
- Cold Stone Creamery
- Dress Barn
- Five Below
- Hiller's Market
- Marshalls
- Nordstrom Rack
- Petco
- Starbucks

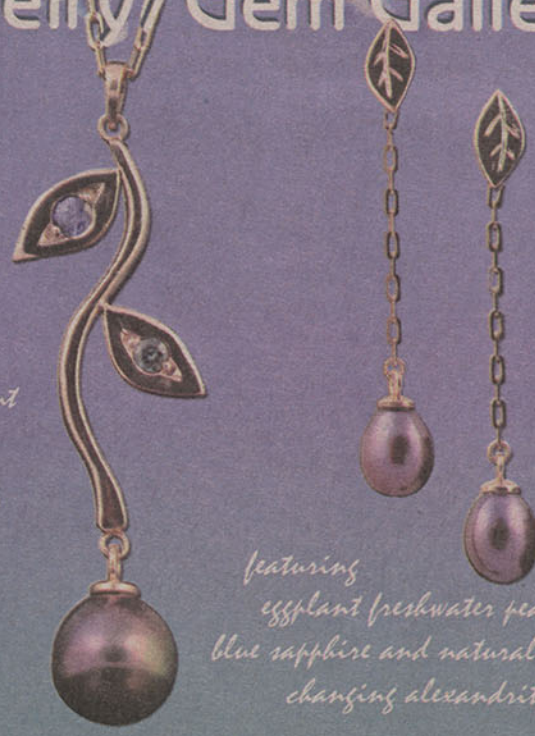
www.AmCap.com

AmCap INCORPORATED

CUSTOM DESIGNS & REPAIRS

Happy Holidays from Abra!

ABRACADABRA
Jewelry / Gem Gallery



Custom rose gold pendant & earrings

featuring eggplant freshwater pearls, blue sapphire and naturally color changing alexandrite!

ABRA WILL BE OPEN EVERY DAY DEC 10TH-23TH
MONDAY-SATURDAY 11AM-8PM
SUNDAY 11AM-5PM
OPEN DECEMBER 24TH UNTIL 4PM!

734.994.4848 WWW.ABRAGEM.COM

2013 Holiday

If you're looking for a quirky and unique gift, we've found the place for you! **Found**, located in Kerrytown, has a variety of doodads and trinkets made from recycled and repurposed materials with an ever-changing inventory to venture through. You'll be delighted by the creativity and love that local artists put into dangling soda pop bottles and forks—and you'll find something you never knew you wanted!

While you're in Kerrytown picking up some doodads, swing by locally owned **Mudpuddles** for award-winning games and toys sure to delight the creative kids on your list. Noted as the Thomas the Tank Engine headquarters, this cozy store also carries Klutz activity books, Corolle dolls, and Bruder trucks. There is also a rumor that sometimes Santa shops here when he's in Ann Arbor checking out his delivery route!

If you need a hand finding something arty, funky, and fun, **16 Hands** is the one-stop shop for beautiful things. For history and art-loving folks, Glass Eye products, hand blown in Washington state and containing ash from the 1980 Mt. St. Helens eruption, will be a treasure. Sea Globes containing shells, beach glass, and sometimes starfish make a great gift too. Unique home goods, jewelry, watches, and one-of-a-kind artwork are also offered at this Kerrytown shop.

Artisans and farmers unite to bring quality holiday

BUY HANDMADE GIFTS at
SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL ARTISTS AND CRAFTERS
The Sunday Artisan Market
QUALITY • FREE PARKING • UNIQUE
315 DETROIT STREET, KERRYTOWN, ANN ARBOR SUNDAYS 11AM-4PM
ARTISANMARKET.ORG OR FACEBOOK: SUNDAY ARTISAN MARKET

Guide

goods, foods, and mulled wines to Ann Arbor at the **Kerrytown KindleFest!** Come pick out a lantern for the kids lantern parade, or bring your favorite to use. There's also live music, fire pits for roasting s'mores, and authentic German food and wine to buy. Santa will even be stopping by at the December 7 event!

Pamper that special someone in your life with a luxurious **Lily Grace** gift certificate! Discover, try, and sample the finest cosmetics, skin care, and fragrances from around the world. You'll find gifts from special luxury items from Alexis Bittar Jewelry to hostess items, with free gift wrapping. Celebrate this season at Lily Grace's new spa offering full spa services including facials, massage, nail services, brow bar, and dry bar for hair styling. Let Lily Grace pamper you before your next special occasion.

Step into a treasure chest at **Princess Designs**. This shop is like a chamber of rocks and jewels, with a variety of semiprecious stones including Baltic amber, turquoise, lapis, and more to choose from. Make a big impact with a little gift box this holiday! Freshwater pearls, Austrian Swarovski crystals, antique beads, and vintage pillboxes are also available, and the store is full of jewelry to fit all different tastes and styles.

The **Ann Arbor Art Center** features hundreds of pieces for purchase from local and regional artists, all carefully

Achatz HANDMADE PIE CO

Traver Village Shopping Center

Three Easy Ways *to order your* **Holiday Pies:**

- At achatzpies.com
- Call 734-369-2469
- Stop in and see us!

Over 38 flavors!

Our signature **Michigan 4-Berry** *pie made with less than ten ingredients*

Achatz Handmade Pie Co.
2643 Plymouth Road • Ann Arbor, MI
PH: 734.369.2460 • WEB: achatzpies.com
Achatz *pronounced like* **"jackets"**

Hours:
Sun: 9-5pm
Mon-Thurs: 9-8pm
Fri: 9-6pm
Sat: Closed

MAST SHOES

new balance.

Get all-weather, all-terrain, all-day comfort with the 1569 Men's Walking Shoe from New Balance.

Located in the Westgate Shopping Center | (734) 662–8118
2517 Jackson Ave., Ann Arbor MI 48103 | www.mastshoes.com

First United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor

Downtown:
120 S. State St. at Huron
Regular Sunday worship at 9:30 & 11:15 am

Green Wood:
1001 Green Rd. at Glazier Way
Regular Saturday worship at 5 pm

www.fumc-a2.org
734.662.4536

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 Downtown, 7:30 pm
An Organist's Christmas Concert

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 Downtown, 9:00 am
Cookie Walk to benefit missions

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 Downtown, 9:30&11:15 am
Vivaldi: Magnificat in G Minor, RV 610
Join us in our morning worship as our choir, soloists, and the Michigan Sinfonietta present this joyous text illuminating the Canticle of the Virgin Mary found in the Gospel of Luke.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24
Downtown Christmas Eve Services
5:00 pm Service for young children and their families
7:00 pm Family service featuring children & adult ensembles
9:00 pm Communion service with music by vocal soloists
11:00 pm Candlelight service with music provided by the Chancel Choir & Instrumental ensemble
Parking available for a fee at Liberty Square Garage
Green Wood Christmas Eve Service
5:00 pm Candlelight Family Service

Join Us!

Lucile B. Conger's

Holiday Luncheon with
Fashion Show and Gift Market

Tuesday, December 3

Fashion Show and Lunch | $30
noon–1:30pm
Shopping 10am–3pm | Free

Barton Hills Country Club

RSVP: 734.327.0981 or lc2626@hotmail.com

MAKE IT MEMORABLE

Tell a story that will be treasured forever, authentic and unforgettable, crafted with care by skilled hands in distant lands.

Mrs. Ningsih, leader of Widya Craft, sculpts figures from tropical albesia wood.

Seven Piece Nativity, $79
HANDCRAFTED IN INDONESIA

Bring in this ad to receive **25% OFF** one item.
Offer valid at the Ann Arbor location until 12/31/2013. Not valid with other discounts, purchase of gift cards, Oriental rugs or Traveler's Finds.

TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES®
GIFTS THAT GIVE TWICE®
Fair Trade Retailer Since 1946

Join our Volunteer Crew
see store for details
303 South Main Street
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
(734) 332-1270
annarbor.tenthousandvillages.com

PARK SHOE REPAIR

Wishing all Park Shoe Repair customers a safe and happy holiday season!

Winter Boot Closeout: All Boots are $35

M-F:9-6 & Sat:9-3
(734) 769-9066

120 N. 4th Ave.
Ann Arbor

BIRKENSTOCK
Authorized Repairs

2013 Holiday

curated into an expansive and eclectic portfolio. At the Gallery Shop you will find blown glass, jewelry, hand-built pottery and thrown ceramics, textiles, paintings, drawings, and sculpture of all kinds. You can also give someone the gift of exploring his or her own talent with a studio art course, art camp, or art parties!

Christmas trees abound at **Flatsnoots Christmas Trees!** On Stadium, just past the post office, you'll find Flatsnoots right by Arbor Farms and Ace Hardware. Flatsnoots sells only Michigan-grown trees and door wreaths, and you will find exactly what you're looking for with the help of their knowledgeable staff. They will even help you secure it to your hood, bike basket, or skateboard so you are sure to get it home safely.

So you have the tree and the gifts—now you need to start wrapping! With over 1,500 decorative papers in stock, **Hollander's** in Kerrytown can help you find the perfect paper to match the gift. In addition to decorative wrapping paper, artist papers for drawing, painting, and printmaking are also available and make perfect stocking stuffers. Holiday cards, bookbinding supplies, and art accessories are always stocked up for box making, invitations, collage, and framing.

Tucked away on Plymouth Road, the cozy and inviting **Pear Tree** is the perfect place for thoughtful secret Santa gifts and cute stock-

15th Annual
Ann Arbor Artists' Collective

GIFT-FEST

SUNDAY • DECEMBER 8th • 10-4

Pittsfield Grange Hall
3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road

ART FOR THE HOLIDAYS

CHERRY REPUBLIC®
Life, Liberty Beaches & Pie
CHERRY REPUBLIC DRIED CHERRIES
CHERRY REPUBLIC CHERRY FUDGE SAUCE
CHERRY REPUBLIC MILK CHOCOLATE CHERRY TURTLES
CHERRY REPUBLIC SOUR CHERRY PATCHES
CHERRY REPUBLIC CHERRY CHUTNEY
CHERRY REPUBLIC Cherry Summer Sausage
CHERRY REPUBLIC CHERRY LICORICE
CHERRY REPUBLIC CHERRY PRESERVES
CHERRY REPUBLIC
FREE SHIPPING
ON ORDERS OF $100 OR MORE
SEE BACK FOR DETAILS

Citizen's Choice Gift Box
see page 24

Holiday Gift Guide 2013

Happy Holidays from Cherry Republic

All of us up here in northern Michigan are proud to send you this catalog that marks the culmination of months and months of satisfying work. This work started with pruning the cherry trees, then protecting the buds, blossoms and cherries from all manner of enemy, until the big harvest that started in July. Oh, then we were pitting and storing. Soon after, we were lovingly cooking and drying those millions and billions of ruby red morsels of joy. Next, we tenderly put them into packages and finally, we happily wrote this catalog, put a stamp on it and sent it to you.

Throughout all this work, we feel thankful and fortunate to be doing something so meaningful and to do it in a place as beautiful as this. Yes, we are in a merry mood for the holidays and have been since our terrific cherry crop. I hope this catalog gives you a sense for the joy we have up here in the north. And we hope that these cheerful cherry products can spread some of that joy to your friends and family.

Bob

CHECK OUT OUR CITIZEN FAVORITE GIFT BOXES ON PAGE 3

CALL CENTER HOURS
Nov. 29th thru Dec. 23rd: 8 a.m. to Midnight

THE BIG 3 Gift Box

The perfect holiday gift! Includes 1 lb. bags of Dried Cherries and Milk Chocolate Covered Cherries, and a 14 oz. bag of Cherry Nut Mix.

#40005 $47.95

THE *Little* 6 GIFT BOX

Our most popular gift box has six classic Republic products. Contains 8 oz. bags of Dried Cherries, Cherry Nut Mix and Milk Chocolate Covered Dried Cherries, along with a 9 oz. jar of Cherry Jam, a 7.5 oz. jar of Mild Cherry Salsa, and 8 oz. bag of Dark Chocolate Covered Cherry Nut Mix.

#40024 $49.95

CR Favorites Gift Box

Finding the right gift can be tough sometimes, but this box of favorites makes it easy! Includes: 14 oz. bag of Cherry Nut Mix, a 7.5 oz. jar of Hot Cherry Salsa, and an 8 oz. bag of Milk Chocolate Covered Dried Cherries.

#40011 $32.95

FREE SHIPPING

Cherry Cheer Gift Box

Spread cheer with FREE SHIPPING on the Cherry Cheer Gift Box. Includes a 1 lb. bag of Milk Chocolate Covered Cherries, 8 oz. bags of Sweet and Spicy Cherry Nut Mix and Cherry Sour Patches, a 9 oz. jar of Cherry Jam, a 16 oz. jar of Original Cherry Salsa and a 2-pack of our original White Chocolate Boomchunkas.

#40039 $49.95

Includes shipping

No Substitutions

$7 SHIP A GIFT - see page 31 for details

Gifting is what we do best!

Give the County Gift Box

Leelanau County's best offerings in one gift box! 14 oz. bag of Cherry Nut Mix and 1 lb. bags of Dried Cherries, Milk Chocolate Covered Dried Cherries, and Sour Patches. 9 oz. jars of Cherry Jam, Cherry Almond Butter, 8oz. Dark Chocolate Covered Cherry Nut Mix, 7.5 jar of Mild Cherry Salsa, 12 oz. bottle of Cherry Poppyseed Vinaigrette and a 2-pack of White Chocolate Boomchunkas and a 2-pack of Dark Chocolate Pecan Boomchunkas. **#40019 $105.00**

Dale's ☆Gift☆

Whole Lotta Lug Gift

For over 100 years, Cherry farmers have used wooden lugs to pick and haul cherries. We've filled our lugs with all our favorite cherry products: 9 oz. jars of Cherry Preserves and Cherry Almond Butter, 16 oz. jars of Original Cherry Salsa and BBQ Sauce, a 1 lb. bag of Dried Cherries, 36 oz. jar of Mamma Mary's Cherry Pie Filling, 14 oz. bags of Milk Chocolate Turtles, Milk Chocolate Covered Cherry Nut Mix and Cherry Nut Mix, 8 oz. bags of Sour Patch and Imperial Cherries, two Original and two Chocolate Pecan Boomchunka cookies. We only have a limited supply of vintage lugs, so order EARLY!

#40054 $165.00

My mother came from a wealthy home, my father came from a poor home. The two married and lived a middle class life, but the way I felt (their fourth child), being raised by them, was half rich, half poor. When I was 7, we built the house I would grow up in. It was a disparity of class. My father's decisions on the house went cheap, my Mother leaned toward quality. The windows were one step up from saran wrap, but the curtains were plush. The food we were served in that house followed the same pattern-- My Mom treated us to exotics like artichokes and grapefruits, my Dad would cook us cow's liver at 15 cents a pound. At Christmas, it turned upside down-- my Dad couldn't spend enough on us and my Mother became the frugal one. She'd stick practical stuff like a nice wool sweater under the tree for us, he'd buy us every frivolous toy he could get his hands on. Momma later said that he just couldn't stand the idea of us kids being disappointed at Christmas like he was when he was a child.

Mary's Gift

The Thank You Gift Box- Pack of 3

Have some friends to thank? Need a hostess gift? Show your appreciation with the Thank You Gift Box. Each gift includes an 8 oz. bag of Milk Chocolate Covered Dried Cherries and a 9 oz. jar of Cherry Berry Jam.

#40042 $46.95 ***(set of 3 gift boxes)***

The Big Box of Cherry Berries

A great orchard assortment. Includes a 7.5 oz. jar of Blue Cherry Preserves, 9 oz. jar of Cherry Strawberry Preserves, 9 oz. jar of Cherry Berry Jam, 12 oz. bags of Dried Cherry Berries and Dark Chocolate Cherry Berries; and an 8 oz. bag of Sour Cherry Patches.

#40008 $48.95

$7 SHIP A GIFT - see page 31 for details

NEW!
Embassy Favorites Gift Box

The perfect holiday gift. Includes: 10 ounce Cherry Summer Sausage, 9 oz. jars of Cherry Artisan Mustard and Cherry Chutney and an 8 oz. bag of Cherry Nut Mix.

#40050 $34.95

Give the Store Gift Box

A great introduction to Cherry Republic containing a mix of our favorites. 8 oz. bags of Cherry Nut Mix, Dried Cherries, Dark Chocolate Covered Cherries, Milk Chocolate Covered Cherries, an 7.5 oz. jar of Hot Cherry Salsa, 9 oz. jars of Cherry Jam, Cherry Berry Jam, Cherry Pecan Butter and a 12 oz. Jar of Sweet Cherry Poppyseed Vinaigrette.

#40020 $72.00

Chocolate & Cherries

Milk Chocolate Covered Cherries

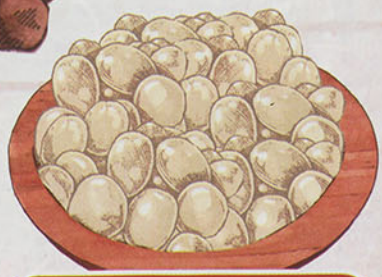
Our most popular cherry/chocolate combination. Plump dried cherries coated in rich milk chocolate.

1 lb. bag **#10122 $15.95**
8 oz. bag **#10129 $8.75**
5 lb. bulk box **#10128 $70.00**

CHILI CHOCOLATE

Slightly hotter than its earlier version, these spicy treats will have you running to your Boomchuggalugga soda pop.

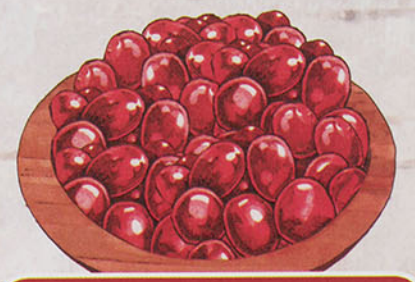
1 lb. bag **#10087 $16.95**



CHERRY BLOSSOMS

Dried tart cherries coated in creamy white confection. Reminds us of our beautiful cherry orchard blossoms all year-round!

1 lb. bag **10150 $15.95**
8 oz. bag **10147 $8.75**



IMPERIAL CHOCOLATE

Plump dried tart cherries double-dipped in milk chocolate and our famous Imperial Cherry Chocolate.

1 lb. bag **#10106 $15.95**
8 oz. bag **#10101 $8.75**

CALL CENTER HOURS
Nov. 29th thru Dec. 23rd: 8 a.m. to Midnight

Dark Chocolate Covered Cherries

Dried tart cherries paired with bittersweet chocolate are a great balance of tart, sweet and rich chocolate.

1 lb. bag **#10098 $15.95**

8 oz. bag **#10072 $8.75**

5 lb. bulk box **#10071 $70.00**

Cherry NUT MIXES

Delicious mixes perfect for party snacks or to be hidden away and kept all for yourself.

Milk Chocolate Cherry Nut Mix

Milk chocolate covered dried cherries, pecans, almonds and cashews. Warning: highly addictive!

14 oz. bag **#10177 $15.95**

8 oz. bag **#10160 $8.95**

Dark Chocolate Cherry Nut Mix

We love this chocolate creation! Our popular Cherry Nut Mix dipped in bittersweet dark chocolate.

14 oz. bag **#10178 $15.95**

8 oz. bag **#10158 $8.95**

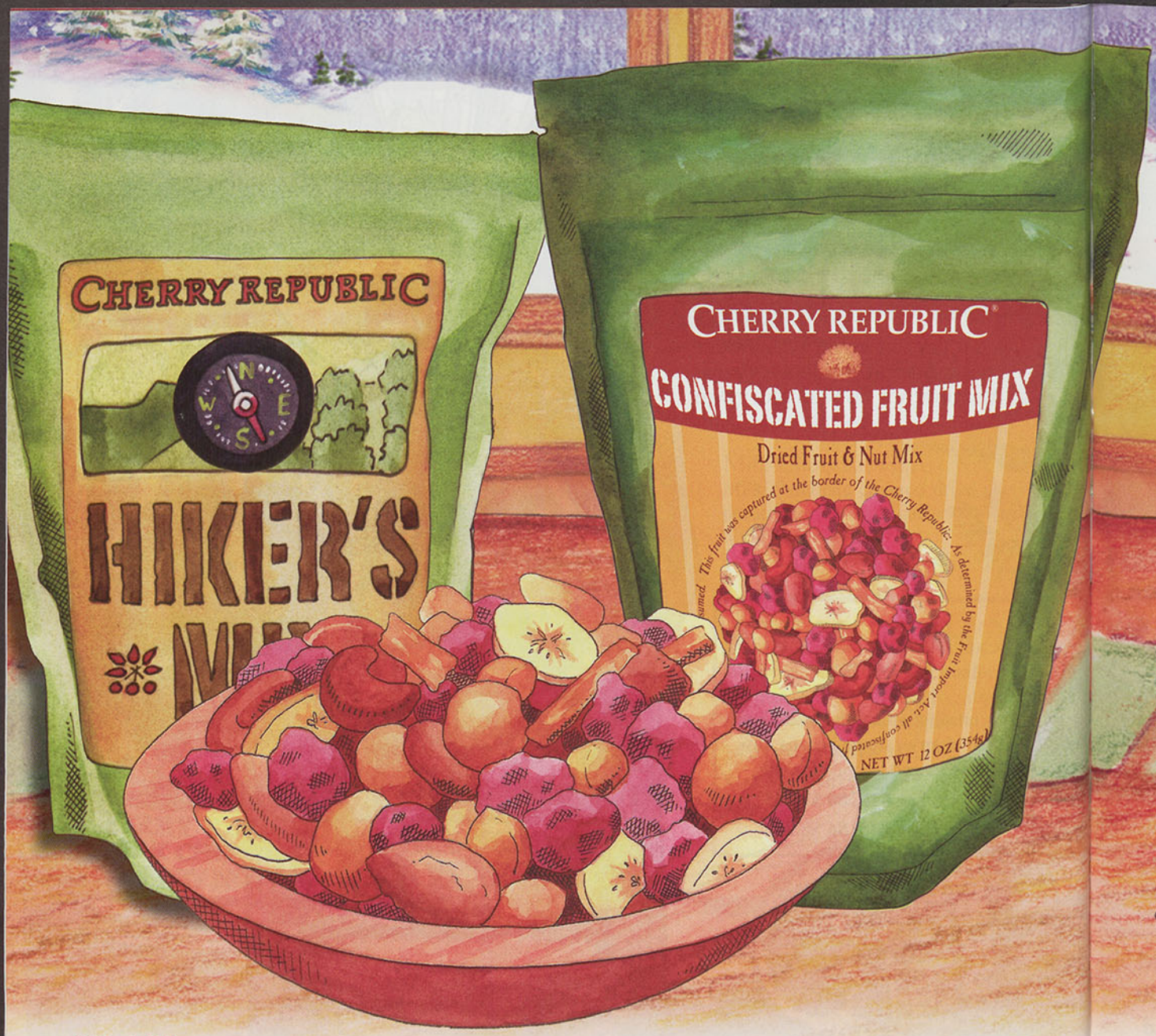
$7 SHIP A GIFT - see page 31 for details

CHERRY NUT MIX

This unsalted mix combines plump dried cherries, huge pecans, raw cashews and jumbo almonds.

14 oz. bag **#10280 $15.95**

8 oz. bag **#10186 $8.95**


CHERRY REPUBLIC
HIKER'S
CHERRY REPUBLIC
CONFISCATED FRUIT MIX
Dried Fruit & Nut Mix
This fruit was captured at the border of the Cherry Republic. As determined by the Fruit Import Act, all confiscated
NET WT 12 OZ (354g)

Hiker's Mix

With a compass on the bag this mix contains dried cherries, dried cranberries, raw pumpkin seeds, roasted blanched peanuts, roasted salted Brazil nuts, chocolate chunks, and dried apricots.

12 oz. bag **#10179 $9.95**

Confiscated Fruit Mix

Dried banana chips and dried cherries battle it out in the resealable bag while sesame sticks, honey-roasted peanuts and cashews cheer 'em on. Go cherries!

12 oz. bag **#10176 $9.95**

$7 SHIP A GIFT - see page 31 for details

CHERRY REPUBLIC
CHERRY REPUBLIC STATESMAN'S MIX
MILK & DARK CHOCOLATE COVERED CHERRIES ALMONDS, CASHEWS & PECANS
Net Wt
CHERRY REPUBLIC SWEET & SPICY CHERRY NUT MIX
DRIED CHERRIES, PECANS, ALMONDS & CASHEWS
Net Wt
CHERRY REPUBLIC AMBASSADOR MIX
DRIED CHERRIES, PISTACHIOS, DRIED CRANBERRIES & MACADAMIAS

Statesman's Mix

We've combined our Milk Chocolate Cherry Nut Mix, Dark Chocolate Cherry Nut Mix along with whole roasted & salted almonds, and cashews.

14 oz. bag #**10173 $15.95**

Sweet & Spicy Cherry Nut Mix

Our original nut mix roasted and salted with a dusting of Chipotle Chile powder.

14 oz. bag #**10145 $15.95**

8 oz. bag #**10190 $8.95**

Cherry Ambassador Mix

Tart dried cherries, dried cranberries, green pistachios and huge macadamia nuts make this a great diplomatic gesture for any occasion.

14 oz. bag #**10172 $15.95**

8 oz. bag #**10164 $8.95**

Cherry Salsa

Green Cherry Salsa

Made with tomatillos, jalapeño peppers, onions, limes and cherries.

13 oz. jar **#10047 $8.95**

Peach Cherry Salsa

Fresh peaches blended with tomatoes and tart cherries in this refreshing salsa!

12 oz. jar **#10058 $8.95**

Organic Chipotle Salsa

Start with the best red fruit and slowly dry it, adding just the right amount of smoke to the process and you have the perfect Cherry Chipotle Jalapeno Pepper!

12 oz. jar **#10024 $8.95**

Cherry Tortilla Chips

Back by popular demand!! Cherry Tortilla Chips go great with each of the Cherry Salsas. Enjoy these organic corn tortilla chips coated with cherry dust - delicious!

Two 8 oz. bags **#50144 $14.95**

(pictured on page 17)

Salsa Collection Gift Box

Can't decide which salsa your friends would like? Then the Salsa Collection is the gift for them. Includes 16 oz. jars of the Hot Cherry Salsa and Original Cherry Salsa, a 12 oz. jar of the Peach Cherry Salsa and a 13 oz. jar of the Green Cherry Salsa.

#40059 $35.95

CALL CENTER HOURS
Nov. 29th thru Dec. 23rd: 8 a.m. to Midnight

Made from a rich blend of tomatoes and cherries, our salsas are always a favorite of the Republic and there is something for every palate. Original Salsa has been our best seller for years with the perfect balance of sweet and spicy. Kick it up a notch with Hot Salsa with a burst of Southern Spice. Not much on heat, then our Mild Salsa is the perfect choice for you.

Mild Cherry Salsa

7.5 oz. jar **#10052 $6.95**
16 oz. jar **#10051 $8.95**
Case of 12 -16 oz. jars **#50102 $98.00**

Original Cherry Salsa

7.5 oz. jar **#10057 $6.95**
16 oz. jar **#10056 $8.95**
Case of 12 -16 oz. jars **#50111 $98.00**

Hot Cherry Salsa

7.5 oz. jar **#10039 $6.95**
16 oz. jar **#10048 $8.95**
Case of 12 -16 oz. jars **#50076 $98.00**

CHERRY Candy
THE BEST Stocking Stuffer

SEASONAL!

Snowy Orchard Crunch

A winter favorite is back. Our cherry chefs are hard at work once more to bring you this tasty mix of dried cherries, pecans and caramel corn with white chocolate drizzled over it.

8 oz. bag **#10188 $9.95**

Imperial Malted Milk Balls

Big as super ripe cherries, these classic, crunchy malted milk balls are given one extra coat with our famous red imperial cherry coating.

14 oz. bag **#10114 $9.95**

Iced Imperial Pretzels

Crunchy, salted pretzels dipped in our famously rich Imperial Cherry Chocolate, then drizzled under smooth white chocolate.

10 oz. bag **#10103 $9.95**

Cherry Candy 3-Packs

(Each order includes three 8 oz. bags)

Cherry Licorice.....**#50164 $13.95**
Cherry Gummies.....**#50162 $13.95**
Cherry Sourballs.....**#50163 $13.95**
Cherry Beans.....**#50161 $13.95**

Sour Cherry Patches

Our best-selling candy: gumdrop-style candies coated in a super-sour cherry sugar, great for all ages!

1 lb. bag **#10138 $8.95**

Case of 12 **#50052 $98.00**

Case of 12-8 oz. bags **#50053 $54.00**

Cherry Wine Jelly
A blend of Northern Michigan cherries and cherry wine that makes a perfect hors d'oeuvre.
9 oz. jar **#10043 $7.95**

Cherry Strawberry Preserves
Michigan cherries and strawberries are married in a mouth watering blend
9 oz. jar **#10041 $7.95**

Organic Cherry Jam
This has the same great Cherry Republic Jam with the added benefit of being certified organic.
9 oz. jar **#10054 $7.95**

Cherry Jelly
A smooth cherry fruit topping that makes a one-of-a-kind PB&J.
9 oz. jar **#10031 $6.95**

SEASONAL! Cran-Cherry Sauce
A unique and flavorful fall favorite that makes the perfect accompaniment to turkey!
9 oz. jar **#10045 $7.95**

Cherry Preserves
In this chunky spread, you'll find full fruit pieces and no sugar added!
9 oz. jar **#10040 $7.95**

Cherry Berry Jam
Locally grown cherries and raspberries come together for a delicious blend.
9 oz. jar **#10021 $6.95**

Blue Cherry Preserves
Full blueberry and cherry pieces combined with just the right amount of fruit juice. No sugar added!
7.5 oz. jar **#10018 $7.95**

Jams & Jellies

Cherry Jam

Our best selling jam! We use locally grown Montmorency cherries and just the right amount of sugar.

9 oz. jar **#10030 $6.95**

Case of 12 **#50091 $72.00**

17 oz. jar **#10019 $8.95**

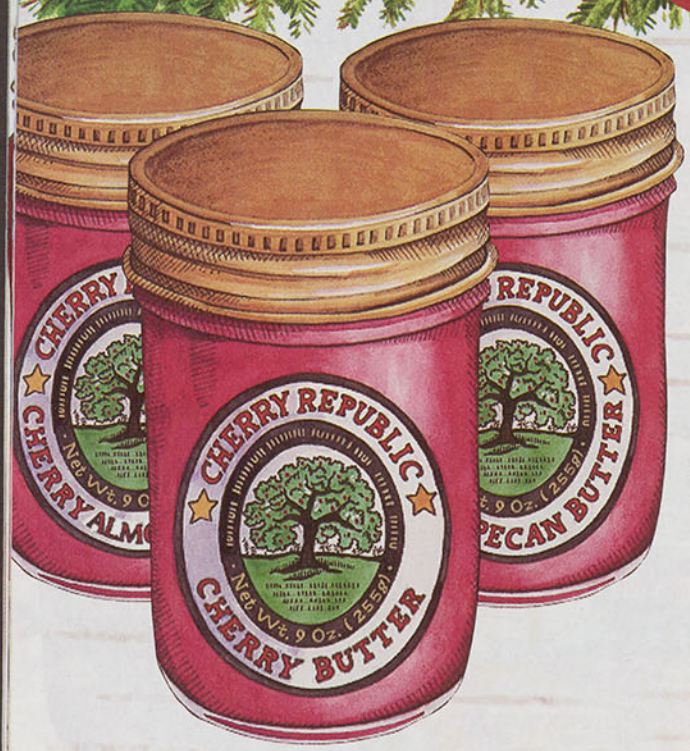
Case of 12 **#50092 $98.00**

White Chocolate Cherry Peanut Butter

Our jams would be lost without this naturally nutty peanut butter with a light cherry flavor. Contains hemp and flax seed with no hydrogenated oils or trans-fats.

15 oz. jar **#10065 $12.95**

CHERRY BUTTERS



Cherry Butter

Spread this cherry butter on warm toast or muffins and the aroma of cinnamon, nutmeg and cherries smells just like our Glen Arbor bakery.

9 oz. jar **#10022 $6.95**

Cherry Almond Butter

The most decadent fruit butter with rich slivers of almonds, natural almond extracts and tart cherries is great as a spread or with creamy cheeses. Folks buy this by the case!

9 oz. jar **#10016 $6.95** Case of 12 **#50085 $76.00**

Cherry Pecan Butter

Pieces of fresh pecans are lightly toasted then mixed into our tart cherry butter.

9 oz. jar **#10037 $6.95**

Organic Cherry Apple Butter

After a small jam riot broke out, our super spreadable Cherry Apple Butter is available year-round. Certified USDA Organic.

9 oz. jar **#10053 $7.95**

What the CITIZENS have to say...

"I love visiting the Glen Arbor store during the holidays. It's such a festive environment with welcoming staff. Thanks for your array of Cherry Butters - they make the perfect hostess gift!"

-Mary Lake

CHERRY PEPPER JELLY ON CREAM CHEESE

Original Cherry Pepper Jelly

Our blend of hot and mild peppers with our delectable Cherry Jam has made our Cherry Pepper Jelly a Holiday tradition! Served with brie, cream cheese, or as a dip, you'll add color, zip, and the marvelous flavor of cherries to your hors d'oeuvres.
9 oz. jar **#10038 $6.95**

Jalapeño Cherry Pepper Jelly

Jalapeno pepper jelly is our hot new addition to the pepper jelly family. It carries the heat of the People's Pepper Jelly but with the distinct flavor of jalapeno.
9 oz. jar **#10281 $6.95**

The People's Hot Cherry Pepper Jelly

This new hot version of our Cherry Pepper Jelly has all of the cherry goodness of the original we are famous for, but with just enough heat to make you stand up and take notice.
9 oz. jar **#10069 $6.95**

CHERRY REPUBLIC
MILK CHOCOLATE CHERRY NUT MIX
CHERRY REPUBLIC CHERRY NUT MIX
CHERRY REPUBLIC DARK CHOCOLATE CHERRY NUT MIX
CHERRY REPUBLIC AMBASSADOR MIX
CHERRY REPUBLIC DRIED CHERRIES
CHERRY REPUBLIC CHERRY FUDGE SAUCE
DESSERT TOPPING
CHERRY REPUBLIC MILK CHOCOLATE CHERRY TURTLES
CHERRY REPUBLIC SOUR CHERRY PATCHES
CHERRY REPUBLIC CHERRY CHUTNEY
Cherry Summer Sausage
CHERRY REPUBLIC CHERRY LICORICE
CHERRY REPUBLIC CHERRY PRESERVES
CHERRY REPUBLIC
Cherry Ginger Vinaigrette

NEW! Grand Snacker Gift Box

Everyone will go nuts over this gift! Contains 14 oz. bags of Milk Chocolate Covered Cherry Nut Mix, Cherry Nut Mix, Dark Chocolate Cherry Nut Mix & Ambassador Mix.

#40047 $65.00

$7 SHIP A GIFT - see page 31 for details

NEW! Sweet Taste of the Republic Gift Box

Something great for everyone! Includes an 8 oz. box of Dark Chocolate Cherry Toffee and 8 oz. bags of Sour Cherry Patches, Dried Cherries, Ambassador Mix, Dark Chocolate Covered Nut Mix, Cherry Nut Mix, and Imperial Chocolate Covered Cherries.

#40045 $65.00

NEW! Citizen's Choice Gift Box (Bottom Left)

Includes: 10 ounce Cherry Summer Sausage, 12 oz. bottle of Cherry Ginger Vinaigrette, 8 oz. bags of Sour Cherry Patches, Red Licorice, and Dried Cherries; 9 oz. jars of Cherry Preserves and Cherry Chutney, 10 oz. jar of Chocolate Cherry Fudge Sauce, 14 oz. bags of Milk Chocolate Cherry Turtles and Milk Chocolate Covered Cherry Nut Mix.

#40043 $93.00

One December long ago, my Mother heard of a woman that left her husband in California and came up to Glen Arbor with her 6 little kids. She was broke when she arrived. When my Mom found out the kids were our age and needed everything, she immediately went through our house for groceries, furniture, clothing and toys to give them. It was a little alarming to see these new kids at school wearing our clothes, but she said to not say anything, so we didn't. We had them over during Christmas that first year. Betty became my Mother's best friend for years afterwards. And her middle boy Robert, became my best friend.

The SUPER SEVEN Gift Box

Our finest bagged products in one box! This great gift box includes 1 pound bags of Milk Chocolate Covered Dried Cherries, Dried Cherries, Sour Cherry Patches, Dark Chocolate Covered Dried Cherries, & Imperial Chocolate Covered Dried Cherries, and 14 oz. bags of Cherry Nut Mix & Dark Chocolate Covered Cherry Nut Mix.

#40032 $105.00

Fabulous 5 Gift Box (Bottom Left)

A gifting favorite! Includes a 1 pound bag of Balaton Dried Cherries, 14 oz. bags of Imperial Malted Milk Balls, Dark Chocolate Cherry Turtles & Chocolate Covered Nut Mix, and a 10 oz bag of Iced Imperial Pretzels

#40016 $69.95

NEW
CHERRY REPUBLIC CHERRY NUT MIX
DRIED CHERRIES ALMONDS, CASHEWS & PECANS
CHERRY REPUBLIC DRIED CHERRIES
CHERRY REPUBLIC AMBASSADOR MIX
DRIED CHERRIES, PISTACHIOS DRIED CRANBERRIES & MACADAMIAS
CHERRY REPUBLIC SOUR CHERRY PATCHES
CHERRY REPUBLIC DARK CHOCOLATE COVERED CHERRIES
CHERRY REPUBLIC CHOCOLATE COVERED CHERRIES
CHERRY REPUBLIC HOT CHERRY SALSA
CHERRY REPUBLIC CHERRY JAM

Cherry Lover's Gift Box

For holiday sharing, this gift box includes a 14 oz. bag of Ambassador Mix, 1 lb. bags of Dried Cherries and Milk Chocolate Covered Cherries, 9 oz. jar of Cherry Jam, 7.5 jar of Hot Cherry Salsa, and 8 oz. bags of Dark Chocolate Covered Cherries and Sour Cherry Patches.

#40038 $76.00

$7 SHIP A GIFT - see page 31 for details

Chocolate Cherry Gift Box

1 lb. bag of Milk Choc. Covered Dried Cherries, 8 oz. bags of Dark & Imperial Chocolate Covered Dried Cherries. 9 oz. jars of Cherry Preserves & Cherry Almond Butter.

#40009 $49.95

NEW !The Capital Collection (Top Left)

A collection of Cherry Republic's best! Includes 8 oz. bags of Dried Cherries, Milk Chocolate Covered Cherries, Dark Chocolate Cherry Nut Mix and Milk Chocolate Cherry Nut Mix, 14 oz. bags of Ambassador Mix and Cherry Nut Mix and 16 oz. boxes of Dark Chocolate Cherry Bark and Dark Chocolate Cherry Toffee.

#40052 $120.00

CHERRY Dressings

NEW! Cherry Ginger Vinaigrette

We love the combination of cherry and the fresh bite of ginger. Try this vinaigrette as a marinade for pork or chicken or as a light dressing on fresh greens with in-season fruits. Add olive oil to make a richer dressing.
12 oz. jar **#10300 $7.95**

Cherry Balsamic Vinegar

Slightly sweet, this balsamic vinegar is awesome when drizzled over bread or on top of berries.
12 oz. bottle **#10020 $9.95**

Cherry Poppyseed Vinaigrette

A fat-free salad dressing that is tangy and sweet. Add plain non-fat yogurt to make a creamier dressing.
12 oz. bottle **#10029 $7.95**

CONTACTING US:

CALL: 1.800.206.6949
Hours of Call Center: Year-Round: 9 a.m.-9 p.m. EST
Thanksgiving to Christmas: 8 a.m. - Midnight EST
WRITE: Cherry Republic, P.O. Box 677, Glen Arbor, MI 49636
ONLINE: www.cherryrepublic.com EMAIL: info@cherryrepublic.com

Come visit us in person!

Glen Arbor 231-334-3150
6026 S. Lake St., Glen Arbor, MI 49636

Traverse City 231-932-9205
154 E. Front St., Traverse City, MI 49684

Charlevoix 231-437-3600
411 Bridge Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720

Ann Arbor 734-585-5231
223 S.Main St., Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Cherry Republic Customer Care: "We have a problem"

At Cherry Republic we have a great group of people. Our staff has diverse personalities and different expectations as to what makes their day go well, just like you. On a rare occasion something may go wrong with an order or one of our foods. We know it will take unique individualized actions to correct the problem for you. We will ask you how you would like us to correct the problem and do our best to make your request happen. Ultimately this will be the best way to ensure you are satisfied with the Cherry Republic.

"What should I expect?" First, everyone is covered. Regardless of whether you are the buyer or the gift recipient, we want you to be impressed with us. If anything is wrong, please contact us right away so we can have the opportunity to regain your trust.

RETURNS. We would rarely ever ask you to return anything, since it is food and serves no purpose being restocked or reused. On a rare occasion we may ask to have you send something back to help us investigate and correct any issues you are seeing.

PRODUCT SATISFACTION. If something does not meet your expectations or does not "taste right" we will substitute a new product, give a refund or a credit, whichever you prefer. This is a 'no questions asked' policy. Your opinion is what matters to us. One condition: all of our foods come with cherries in it— no negotiating.

RECEIVING OUR PACKAGES. After 20 years of shipping food products all over the world we have heard a lot of crazy stories. Once someone had to chase after a raccoon stealing his gift box! We take extra care so our packages leave our company ready for its trip to you or your gift recipient. However, every once in a while one of our boxes get abused during its travels. If you open your box and something is wrong, broken, melted, smashed, missing or otherwise, don't hesitate to contact us and we will come up with a solution that works for you.

Notice: No sale is final until all cherries are eaten and the customer is still satisfied.

Interested in the latest news and products from the Republic?
Scan the QR code to the left to sign up for the **Orchard Report.**

SHIPPING DETAILS

$7 Ship a Gift details:

-Offer is valid if sending to a different recipient other than at the billing address
-Offer applies to physical street addresses within the continental U.S. via FedEx ground service.
-Offer does not apply to AK, HI, PO boxes or bulk shipments.

$8.95 Flat rate shipping details:

-Offer applies to physical street addresses within the continental U.S. via FedEx ground service.
-Applicable if shipping to one's own home/billing address.
-Offer does not apply to AK, HI, PO Boxes or bulk shipments

We are proud to offer FREE shipping to APO & FPO addresses.

For more shipping information visit
www.cherryrepublic.com/shipping-help

WINE SHIPPING INFORMATION:

Currently, wine can only be shipped to addresses in MI and OH. A $2.75 wine processing charge (per order) will be added as well to cover an "adult signature fee" requirement. Federal and state laws require us to verify that anyone ordering wine is at least 21 years old. Before your order is shipped, we must receive a copy of a valid driver's license or other state or federal issued ID, matching the name on your order. ID's can either be faxed to **(231) 334-6425**, emailed to **winesignature@cherryrepublic.com**, or mailed to: **Cherry Republic, ATTN: Wine Order Processing, P.O. Box 677, Glen Arbor, MI 49636.** Cherry Republic respects our customer's privacy. All information is kept confidential. Please be aware that an adult signature will be required upon delivery.

CHERRY REPUBLIC

Life, Liberty Beaches & Pie

★ Phone: 1-800-206-6949 ★ Fax: 1-231-334-6425 $8.95 Flat Rate Shipping!
★ Online: www.cherryrepublic.com $7 ship a gift flat rate if sending to a different address!
★ Mail: P.O. Box 677 ★ Glen Arbor, MI ★ 49636-0677 FED EX GROUND, (USPS to AK, HI, and P.O. Boxes only)

Ordered By:

Name _____
Street _____ Apt. _____
City/State/Zip _____
Daytime Phone ( ) _____
Evening Phone ( ) _____
E-Mail _____ Keycode _____ (above name on label)
Promo Code _____

We normally ship Fed Ex Ground, unless you request otherwise. Fed Ex shipments require a street address. Please inlcude accurate and complete address information

Cherry Items:

Code	Description	Quantity	Price	Total

Subtotal
Sales Tax (MI only: 6% on non-food items)
Shipping*
GRAND TOTAL

Shipping Rates:

$8.95 Flat Rate on all Ground shipments in the Continental U.S.
Call for AK, HI, International and P.O. Box Rates

Shipping Information:

Special shipping charges apply to the following. Please call for rates:
★ Expedited Services ★ Shipping chocolate or frozen items to areas with 80+ degree temperatures ★ Wine orders (MI, OH only)

Method of Payment:

❑ Check/Money Order, payable to Cherry Republic
❑ VISA ❑ MasterCard ❑ American Express ❑ Discover
Credit Card # _____ Exp: _____
Signature _____

Ship To (if different):

Name _____
Street _____ Apt. _____
City/State/Zip _____
Daytime Phone ( ) _____
Evening Phone ( ) _____

Recipient _____
Street _____ Apt. _____
City/State/Zip _____
Recipient's Phone ( ) _____
Gift Card Message & Signature _____

Code	Description	Qty.	Price	Total

Shipping $7.00
Total

☐ Ship Now ☐ Ship to arrive on: _____ (Date)

Recipient _____
Street _____ Apt. _____
City/State/Zip _____
Recipient's Phone ( ) _____
Gift Card Message & Signature _____

Code	Description	Qty.	Price	Total

Shipping $7.00
Total

☐ Ship Now ☐ Ship to arrive on: _____ (Date)

ORIGINAL CHERRY BBQ SAUCE

Our secret blend of spices and cherries makes our Cherry BBQ Sauce rich, tangy, and wonderfully different. Adds a great zest to ribs, chicken, burgers, and even bratwurst.

16 oz. jar **#10055 $8.95**

Spicy Cherry BBQ Sauce

Similar to our Original BBQ sauce, our Spicy Blend BBQ steps up the heat for hot food lovers.

16 oz. jar **#10062 $8.95**

Cherry Chutney

We blend cherries, apples and onions with spices to make this sweet and tart chutney. It works well when served with beef, pork and chicken or as a sandwich topper.

9 oz. jar **#10025 $7.95**

Cherries and Cherries

This sweet topping adds ready-to-serve cherry pizazz to your favorite waffles, pound cake or cheesecake.

17 oz. jar **#10271 $8.95**

Super Cherry Ice Cream Fruit Topping

Super Cherry topping is a dessert topping made from ripe, plump Michigan cherries. A topping that deliciously combines sweet & tart.

13 oz. jar **#10063 $8.95**

Berries and Cherries

A perfect topping medley of cherries, raspberries, blueberries and blackberries.

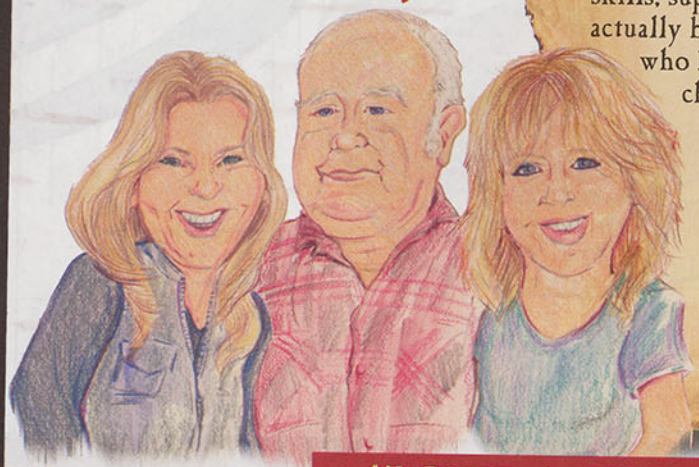
17 oz. jar **#10017 $8.95**

Mamma Mary's Cherry Pie Filling

When you want a fresh cherry pie and can't be near our stores to get one, now you can make your own! It has to be good because Bob's Mom is on the label!

36 oz. jar **#10238 $12.95**

What the CITIZENS have to say...



Hello awesome staff at Cherry Republic!

I just wanted to say thank you for your excellent customer skills, super fast shipping and for providing a product that actually brought my Dad to tears. He is one of those "guys who has everything" and it hit me this year that he loves cherries... and who better to order from? He was so delighted with the uniqueness of the gift and the thoughtfulness it choked him up. My sister was present during the time he received and opened the gift and she loved the packaging.

Best regards,
Amy McVaugh
Super Satisfied Cherry Republic Customer

$7 SHIP A GIFT - see page 31 for details

Cherry Melt Brownie (Three 5 oz. packages)

We start by making a bittersweet brownie from French and Belgian chocolate, then frost it with a melt-in-your-mouth cherry chocolate fudge ganache (think truffles). 2 brownies per 5 oz. package.
#50147 $13.95

Cherry Turtle Brownie (Three 5 oz. packages)

A chewy, gooey indulgent treat. Who wouldn't love the taste of turtle with a hint of sweet cherry? Fudge, pecan and caramel create a sure-fire family pleaser, but you may just want to keep this one all for yourself 2 brownies per 5 oz. package.
#50148 $13.95

Boomchunka Cookies (3 packages)

Giant cookies made from scratch, with dried cherries, rolled oats, and big chunks of chocolate. We don't use any preservatives, so be sure to eat or freeze your Boomchunkas as soon as they arrive. Two cookies per package.

White Chocolate **#50153 $13.95**
Double Dark Chocolate **#50152 $13.95**
Dark Chocolate Pecan **#50151 $13.95**
Coconut **#50150 $13.95**

More delicious baked goods can be found at cherryrepublic.com

Two years ago, Cherry Republic filled our millionth gift box and shipped it to the Lowry family with a golden ticket to all sorts of fun activities these random winners were awarded. Alex, Kevin and their daughter Stella are an amazing and gracious family. Our surprise award came at Christmas and it meant even more to them as they were in the struggle of getting their careers started. Both were set designers that wanted to go home to Wooster, OH to raise their new daughter. We caught them in transition looking for jobs. Two years later, Alex is in Nursing School, Kevin works in Development for College of Wooster and Stella is now in pre-school. We stay in touch and send out surprise cherry care packets and might have to invite Alex up to celebrate her graduation from Nursing School next spring. So many of us at Cherry Republic have gotten to know the Lowry's and it is rewarding to know we've played a positive role in their lives.

BOOM CHUGGA LUGGAS

Cherry Ginger Ale
Our Cherry Ginger Ale is a Michigan favorite and is a favorite with our Cherry Sangria.
1 bottle **#10212**
24-pack **#10261**

Black Cherry Cream Soda
Smooth and mellow, with a light tart finish.
1 bottle **#10204**
24-pack **#10257**

True Cherry Cola
Made with real cherry juice, this cola is slightly peppery and oh-so refreshing.
1 bottle **#10210**
24-pack **#10259**

Cherry Soda Pop
Often compared to a "Shirley Temple", this refreshing soda has a light cherry flavor and a crisp finish.
1 bottle **#10205**
24-pack **#10265**

Low Cal Black Cherry Cream
Black Cherry Cream Soda's Low calorie friend, only 30 calories per bottle.
1 bottle **#10213**
24-pack **#10263**

Cherry Root Bear
True root beer is enhanced with real cherry juice. Great as a Cherry Root Bear Float!
1 bottle **#10211**
24-pack **#10267**

12 oz. Single Bottle $3.25 Case of 24 $64.00

CHERRY REPUBLIC®
WINERY

Abbondanza
A blend of Cayuga, Muscat, and Viognier grapes accounts for 58% of this delightful wine with remaining 42% being cherry wine.
750 ml. bottle **#10194 $12.00**

Liberty
Our sparkling cherry wine! Great for Mimosas!
750 ml. bottle **#10193 $15.00**

Great Hall Riesling
Our Great Hall Riesling shows light, crisp and honeyed flavors with a touch of sweet cherry finish.
750 ml. bottle **#10200 $17.00**

Shook Dessert Wine
Our cherry port is a blend of cherry wine and cherry spirits. A big, bold and a satisfying ending to any meal.
375 ml. bottle **#10191 $18.00**

Exception
To have enough wine on our shelves, we made an Exception. A non-cherry blend of Pinot Grigio and Chardonnay that is light and crisp. We didn't intend for this name to have a double meaning, but it is exceptional.
750 ml. bottle **#10309 $19.00**

Caveat
It is a non-cherry blend of the northern Michigan grown grape varieties Muscat, Viognier and Cayuga White and named for Caveat #27b, giving our citizens temporary allowance to sell and consume wines without cherries.
750 ml. bottle **#10308 $15.00**

Wine Shipping Information on page 31

Tart Cherry Juice Concentrate
Make your own cherry drinks at home with our shelf stable 100% concentrated cherry juice. Try a little in lemonade, iced tea or your favorite pop. Brighten your apple sauce, apple juice or apple cider by adding a few drops. The possibilities are endless! 12 oz. bottle **#10203 $15.95**

DRIED FRUIT MIXES

NEW

NEW! Great North Fruit Mix

We grow so many luscious fruits in the North that you need to taste them all. This dried mix features two kinds of cherries (of course!), Montmorency and Balaton, cranberries, apricots and blueberries.

12 oz. bag **#10068 $9.95**

CHERRY BERRIES

CHERRIES + CRANBERRIES

Cherry Berries Mix

12 oz. bag **#10285 $9.95**

Dark Chocolate Cherry Berries Mix

12 oz. bag **#10287 $9.95**

Milk Chocolate Cherry Berries Mix

12 oz. bag **#10286 $9.95**

Dried Cherries

Locally grown Montmorency cherries picked from hundreds of Leelanau and Grand Traverse County acres. Dried to be as plump as if they were just picked from the tree!

1 lb. bag **#10003 $15.95**
Case of 12 **#50058 $175.00**
8 oz. bag **#10002 $8.75**
Case of 12 **#50060 $96.00**
5 lb. box **#10005 $69.00**

Balaton Dried Cherries

This little known tart cherry is darker colored, slightly larger and has natural hints of spiced flavors.

1 lb. bag **#10000 $15.95**

1-800-206-6949 www.cherryrepublic.com

Triple Cherry Granola

Dried cherries, dried blueberries, dried strawberries, rolled oats, brown sugar, almonds and just enough of our Cherry Jam to hold it all together. Contains Wheat.

1 lb. bag **#10231 $9.95**

Cherry Crunchy Maple Granola

Toasted oats, walnuts, cinnamon and rich maple clustered with dried apples, cranberries and of course cherries. So good you will be eating it by the handful out of the bag! Contains Wheat.

1 lb. bag **#10222 $9.95**

Cherry Scone Mix

Our Cherry Scone Mix that so many have enjoyed in our café, now available in your kitchen. Makes 8 scones.

1 lb. bag **#10224 $8.95**

Cherry Almond Biscotti (3 packages)

2 per 2.5 oz. package **#50146 $13.95**

Chocolate Cherry Biscotti (3 packages)

2 per 2.5 oz. package **#50145 $13.95**

CALL CENTER HOURS
Nov. 29th thru Dec. 23rd: 8 a.m. to Midnight

Cherry Cream Cheese Coffee Cake

We use extra creamy European-style butter so the cake stays moist 'til the last bite. Filled with dried cherries, pecans, almonds and cinnamon. Serves 10-12.

3 lb. cake **#10216 $28.95**

Cherry Republic Mug

The official mug of Cherry Republic.Hand-crafted, ceramic mug with cork base and a cranberry glaze. Dishwasher and microwave safe. Made in the U.S.A.

14 oz. mug **#20037 $16.95**

Perfect for drinking Cherry Hot Cocoa

16 oz. bag **#10209 14.95**

Cherry Boom Coffee

A subtle blend of cherry and chocolate-flavored coffee beans. In this world of 1,000 coffee flavors, this is the only coffee we sell.

8 oz. Whole Bean **#10208 $9.95**
8 oz. Ground **#10207 $9.95**
8 oz. Decaf-Ground **#10206 $9.95**

NEW! The Big Breakfast Gift Box

All the necessities for starting your day off with the Republic. Includes a 12.7 oz. bottle of Cherry Syrup, a 1 lb. bag of Cherry Pancake and Waffle Mix, 9 oz. jars of Cherry Almond Butter and Cherry Jam, and an 8 oz. bag of Ground Cherry Boom Coffee.

#40055 $42.95

$7 SHIP A GIFT - see page 31 for details

NEW! Cherry Pancake & Waffle Mix

Cherry Republic Pancake and Waffle Mix completes the perfect breakfast. It is made with dried cherries. Don't tell anyone, but the secret flavor is malted which gives the pancakes a wonderful, fluffy texture and great taste. Each bag makes 20 to 24 pancakes.
16 oz. bag #**10301 $8.95**

NEW! Cherry Syrup

The best way to top off a cherry pancake is with cherry syrup. Each batch is slow cooked in a kettle and blended with our own cherry concentrate. No corn syrup is used in making this great syrup.
12.7 oz. #**10306 $8.95**

For the past 3 Christmases, we have given several of our staff a gift box of local delicacies. We put a nice card in the boxes and send them right to their homes. It feels so good to do this-- to provide our staff who have worked so hard for the last several weeks some hors d'oeuvre to enjoy over the Holiday break. Todd and I find as we put the box together, we lean toward the meats and cheeses. It is a realization to us, that other people might be seeking this from Cherry Republic as well. And that is what inspired us to come up with Cherry Summer Sausage.

$7 SHIP A GIFT - see page 31 for details

NEW! CHERRY SUMMER SAUSAGE

Our coarse blend Cherry Summer Sausage is made in small batches in Michigan using a blend of quality beef and pork, dried cherries, mustard seed and pepper corns and then naturally smoked to perfection.

10 oz. **#10291 $9.95**

NEW! CHERRY ARTISAN MUSTARD

Made with whole grain mustard, Cherry Artisan Mustard makes the perfect pairing with Cherry Summer Sausage. Try it on a turkey sandwich or as a great addition to your favorite potato salad recipe.

9 oz. jar **#10290 $6.95**

NEW! The Big Classic Gift Box (Bottom Left)
New classics you'll love. Includes a 10 oz. Cherry Summer Sausage, a 9 oz. jar of Cherry Artisan Mustard, a 16 oz. jar of Original Cherry Salsa, and 8 oz. bags of Sweet and Spicy Nut Mix, Dark Chocolate Covered Cherries and Cherry Nut Mix.
#40044 $54.95

NEW! Cherry Fudge Sauce

Your ice cream and desserts will be even tastier with our rich fudge sauce with a hint of fresh cherry. It is so, so good hot or cold.

10 oz. jar **#10288 $6.95**

Milk Chocolate Cherry Turtles

Our tart cherries, buttery caramel and crunchy pecan pieces covered in rich milk chocolate. About 12 per bag.

14 oz. bag **#10180 $16.95**

Dark Chocolate Cherry Turtles

These turtles have extra tart cherries, buttery caramel and crunchy pecan pieces covered in bittersweet dark chocolate. About 12 per bag.

14 oz. bag **#10075 $16.95**

$7 SHIP A GIFT - see page 31 for details

NEW! Dark Chocolate Cherry Bark

You asked for it and here it is! Made from rich, dark chocolate, whole dried cherries and almonds, this bark is sure to please even the most serious chocolate connoisseur on your gift list.

8 oz. box **#10304 $15.95**

NEW! Dark Chocolate Cherry Toffee

We are hooked on this stuff! Made by hand in a small candy kitchen, it is even better than mom used to make because we have added (hold onto your hat) cherries! It is a great blend of dark chocolates, cherries and crunchy toffee.

8 oz. box **#10302 $15.95**

(PICTURED ABOVE)

Join Us
Lucile B. Cong
Holiday Luncheo
Fashion Show and G
Tuesday, Decen
Fashion Show and Lu
noon–1:30p
Shopping 10am–3p
Barton Hills Coun
RSVP: 734.327.0981 or lc26

Bring in this ad to receive **25% OFF** one item.
Offer valid at the Ann Arbor location until 12/31/2013. Not valid with other discounts, purchase of gift cards, Oriental rugs or Traveler's Finds.

CHERRY REPUBLIC
P.O. Box 677
6026 S. Lake Street
Glen Arbor, MI 49636

PRSRT STD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
RAVENNA, MI
PERMIT NO. 320

SOURCE KEY: 36027

FREE
SHIPPING
on orders of $100 or more

JUST USE THE PROMO CODE: FREESHIP317

-Free shipping offer eligible for orders of $100 or more.
-Offer applies only to FedEx Ground Service within the continental U.S.
-Physical street addresses only. *(excludes P.O. Boxes, Alaska, and Hawaii)
-For orders containing multiple recipients, each address that exceeds $100, using FedEx Ground Service within the continental U.S., will receive free shipping.
(Excludes PO Boxes, AK, HI & expedited packages)
-Offer expires December 25, 2013.

NOV 28 2013

Little Six Gift Box
Our most popular gift box has six classic Republic products. Contains 8 oz. bags of Dried Cherries, Cherry Nut Mix and Milk Chocolate Covered Dried Cherries, along with a 9 oz. jar of Cherry Jam, a 7.5 oz. jar of Mild Cherry Salsa, and 8 oz. bag of Dark Chocolate Covered Cherry Nut Mix.
#40024 $49.95

CALL OR VISIT US ONLINE:
1.800.206.6949
www.cherryrepublic.com

ing for with the help of their knowledgeable staff. They will even help you secure it to your hood, bike basket, or

Road, the cozy and inviting **Pear Tree** is the perfect place for thoughtful secret Santa gifts and cute stock-

PARK SHOE REPAIR

Wishing all Park Shoe Repair customers a safe and happy holiday season!

Winter Boot Closeout: All Boots are $35

M-F:9-6 & Sat:9-3
(734) 769-9066

120 N. 4th Ave.
Ann Arbor

BIRKENSTOCK
Authorized Repairs

15th Annual
Ann Arbor Artists' Collective
GIFT-FEST
SUNDAY • DECEMBER 8th • 10-4
Pittsfield Grange Hall
3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road
ART FOR THE HOLIDAYS

CHERRY REPUBLIC
P.O. Box 677
6026 S. Lake Street
Glen Arbor, MI 49636

PRSRT STD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
RAVENNA, MI
PERMIT NO. 320

SOURCE KEY: 36027

FREE SHIPPING

on orders of $100 or more

JUST USE THE PROMO CODE: FREESHIP317

- Free shipping offer eligible for orders of $100 or more.
- Offer applies only to FedEx Ground Service within the continental U.S.
- Physical street addresses only. *(excludes P.O. Boxes, Alaska, and Hawaii)
- For orders containing multiple recipients, each address that exceeds $100, using FedEx Ground Service within the continental U.S., will receive free shipping. (Excludes PO Boxes, AK, HI & expedited packages)
- Offer expires December 25, 2013.

Little Six Gift Box

Our most popular gift box has six classic Republic products. Contains 8 oz. bags of Dried Cherries, Cherry Nut Mix and Milk Chocolate Covered Dried Cherries, along with a 9 oz. jar of Cherry Jam, a 7.5 oz. jar of Mild Cherry Salsa, and 8 oz. bag of Dark Chocolate Covered Cherry Nut Mix.

#40024 $49.95

CALL OR VISIT US ONLINE:

1.800.206.6949

www.cherryrepublic.com

NOV 28 2013

Guide

ing stuffers. A selection of Michigan-made jewelry, pottery, home goods, quirky baby items, and pattern-rich scarves are always in stock, with a rotating inventory to suit every taste. Staying true to their small-village-in-the-city vibe, Pear Tree's helpful staff will be on hand to help you select the perfect item and make sure you find something to put under your tree at their tree!

The **Sunday Artisan Market** at Kerrytown is Ann Arbor's very own weekly art market! Walk the open-air venue and find high-quality and diverse art, and hear the inspiration behind the design from the artist personally. You will find great gifts in the baskets, candles, pottery, glass art, and decorative metal pieces that are ever-changing in style and concept at the market.

Fall in love with the store townies have been enjoying for years: **Ten Thousand Villages**. This nonprofit on Main St. showcases artisans' handcrafted work from around the world, and fair trade coffee samples help keep the atmosphere cozy and warm while you browse. Enjoy giving a gift with a story this year, with unique and reasonably priced home goods, jewelry, and more.

So, this holiday season if you're in a pinch with limited time, rest easy—we at the Observer have found you some high-quality businesses worthy of your precious shopping and holiday celebrating time!

Fashions • Books • Candles • Handmade Wood Items • Baby Stuff • Accessories

the Pear Tree
UNIQUE GIFTS AND JEWELRY

Visit our charming and eclectic shop featuring many Michigan and local artists.

5153 Plymouth Road
Dixboro, Michigan
734.585.5494
Mon–Fri 10–6 Sat 10–5
peartreegiftshop.com
Gift Certificates

Colorful Pottery • Unique Jewelry • Seasonal Gifts • Colored Glass Items • Cards

Procerus SKIN CARE

Ann Arbor's Premier Medical Spa and Laser Clinic

Exceptional Service • Exceptional Value

•• Gift Certificate Available ••

Leading In Sculptra Aesthetics Collagen Stimulant, FDA Approved

Schedule your appointment with Dr. Kathleen Gilmore, MD, MBA

Founder of Procerus Skin Care
International Philanthropist
Medical Missionary
Creator of Smiles
Wife, Mother, Grandmother

The season of Thanks and Giving

Procerus Skin Care would like to thank you for your support this past year. As the holidays approach, we want you to know that we appreciate you!

As we reflect upon this past year, we know the importance of giving back. This holiday season, we will donate one flu vaccine to Hope Clinic for every syringe of filler sold. Hope Clinic, located in Ypsilanti, provides compassionate and practical help to those in need, offering medical care and dental to the uninsured. This is a wonderful organization and we are happy to be able to provide them with these much needed vaccines.

So please realize that your filler purchase during November and December will make a difference by providing a flu vaccine to those in need.

Kathleen Gilmore, MD
315 E. Eisenhower, Suite 8 | **734.794.3786**
ProcerusSkinCare.com | facebook.com/ProcerusSkinCare

Mélange
CATERING

UNIQUELY DELICIOUS PERSONAL & PROFESSIONAL

CATERING AS ONLY MÉLANGE CAN DELIVER

FACEBOOK.COM/CATERINGMELANGE
MELANGEBISTRO.COM

734-222-0202

Make this Holiday Season easier, have dinner with us!

thequarterbistro.com
300 s. maple st.
734-929-9200

The Quarter
BISTRO & TAVERN

Holiday Party?
Catering & Banquets
Freshly prepared menus that can fit any budget. Let us help you make this year's holiday party a success!
Event Planning • Rental Arrangements • Custom Menus
Full Service Catering • Private Rooms for 20 to 90 Guests
THE ORIGINAL
Cottage Inn
Celebrating 65 years! 1948 2013
734.663.3379
512 E.William • Ann Arbor
OriginalCottageInn.com
NOW ACCEPTING UofM SHORT CODES

For every $50 in gift card purchases, receive a packet of coupons valued at over $75 for 2014

JANUARY
FREE lunch entrée with the purchase of equal or lesser value, 11am – 4pm Monday – Friday

FEBRUARY
FREE bowl of hot soup

MARCH
50% OFF Mug Club Membership

APRIL
$5 OFF a half gallon growler of beer to go

MAY
Free dessert of your choice, with purchase of any entrée

JUNE
FREE logo pint glass, with purchase of a growler

JULY
HALF OFF any entrée salad

AUGUST
FREE soup or side salad with purchase of an entrée

SEPTEMBER
HALF OFF any burger, Monday – Friday

OCTOBER
FREE appetizer in Mash with purchase of any Mash signature cocktail

NOVEMBER
HALF OFF any bottle of wine

DECEMBER
Happy Holidays! Our gift to you is a FREE $10 gift card

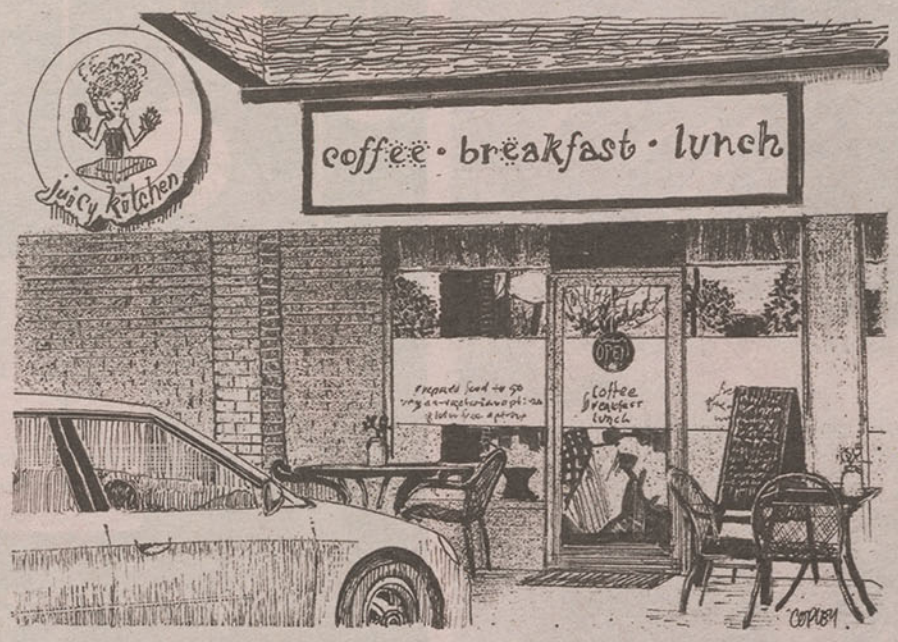
mash
process of combining a mix of milled grain.
live music bourbon and beer

BLUE TRACTOR
BBQ & BREWERY

207 E. Washington · Ann Arbor
734.222.4095 · bluetractor.net · mashbar.net

Juicy Kitchen

Healthy foodies



In less than a year since Juicy Kitchen Café opened in the small strip mall at Maple and Miller, a variety of regulars have made it their own. Skyline High students and M-14 commuters dash in at sunrise for coffee, banana bread "crackly" with whole millet, or breakfast slider sandwiches with eggs, bacon, cheese, and veggies. Next, more leisurely folks settle in for business meetings and after-workout chitchat. Laptops snap shut as the brunch and lunch crowds begin to fill the tiny but attractive six-table dining room, ordering wholesome sandwiches, hearty soups, and salads from the big chalkboard on the wall. Prepared food is available all day for takeout.

Owner Susan Todoroff, a personal trainer and Schoolcraft College–educated chef, developed her cuisine for "healthy foodies" doing catering and home delivery of prepared meals. Her formula is low-starch, low-sugar meals dominated by colorful fruit and vegetables, and when it works it really works. Breakfast meets healthy dessert in lightly eggy whole grain French toast stuffed with a cream cheese filling flavored by caramelized apples, cinnamon, and raisins—toasty walnuts and real maple syrup are finishing touches that make it sublime.

You get a mini salad of freshly cut fruit with most meals, and some of the egg dishes come with a mini salad of tomatoes, kale, and other sensible accents. One week's special omelet was stuffed with roasted tomatoes and other vegetables and had great savory spicing of oregano and marjoram (the broccoli would have mixed in better, though, if it were steamed a bit past crunchy).

Pumpkin was the most popular fall flavor for the baked donuts—yes, baked! In texture and taste, they're akin to crunchy muffin tops. A sprinkling of unsweetened coconut keeps the health theme—dark chocolate icing, not so much. They look like donuts, they dip in milk or coffee like donuts, but they're nowhere near as greasy. By my reckoning, that's healthy junk food mission accomplished.

The peanut butter quinoa cookie, on the other hand, was mushy and bland to the point of being not worth the calories, healthy or not. Fortunately there are usually a half-dozen or so other baked goods to gamble on, most of them vegan and some gluten free.

Baked eggs and oatcakes are cut off at 11 a.m. on weekdays, but the rest of the breakfast menu stays available through lunch. I loved the simple yet elegant execution of the grilled cheese sandwich, with a slim slice of grilled zucchini on whole grain bread. They're generous with the white cheddar cheese, and you get pesto to dip the crusty corners of your bread into. It's only $8.50 with a cup of really good vegetable soup, like roasted eggplant and fennel with thick lemony broth.

The grilled peanut-butter-and-raspberry sandwich is a light, spa-like take on the classic. It will delight grown-ups, but it raised an eyebrow and scowl from one youngster, who clearly preferred the traditional jam. (The four kinds of fresh fruit on the side was the bigger hit with this kid.) Grilled romaine Caesar salad and tarragon chicken with pecans and dried cranberries on a baguette are other all-season favorites.

Lunch dials down at 2 p.m., but to-go prepared meals are available from the cold case until closing. In fact, I thought I had sampled plenty on my visits to Juicy Kitchen and had nearly finished writing when I checked the website. What I read there on the weekly special news literally pulled me out of my chair and into the car to go back.

"We're doing lots of comfort food this week," I read, "with an interesting twist: Chef Dan [Vernia, who was founding chef at Ravens Club] is using antelope, a lean source of protein coming from Texas, in his Italian Mole Stew called Dolceforte. Antelope is similar to venison but milder and sweeter. I hope that you try it, as Dan is a master of this type of dish."

As promised, the stew was rich but not gamey and the dark chocolate–poblano pepper mole was divine. Yes votes also are awarded for to-go desserts like poached pears in clove sauce topped with coconut cream and chai-spiced rice pudding with big raisins and big cardamom flavor. You could also enjoy them in the café with fresh Mighty Good coffee—if you can find a seat. This place gets pretty darn crowded. Fortunately, Todoroff and her husband, George, have developed a close working relationship with the owners of the new El Harissa Market Café (see Marketplace Changes, p. 59) a few doors down, so its spacious dining space can serve as Juicy Kitchen overflow space—at least until El Harissa is discovered as well.

Oh, and between these two is Anthony's Gourmet Pizza, another place with distinctive offerings and a loyal clientele. This may just become the hottest little food strip in town.

—M.B. Lewis

Juicy Kitchen Café
1506 Maple (Maple-Miller Plaza)
585–5562
juicykitchen-a2.com

Mon.–Thurs. 7 a.m.–6 p.m., Fri. 7 a.m.–4 p.m., Sat. & Sun. 8 a.m.–2 p.m.

Breakfast $5.25–$8.75, soup and salad $4.75–$11, sandwiches $5.50–$9.50

Wheelchair accessible (although aisles are narrow).

Songbird Café

Good food, confusing setting

Even after several visits to the Songbird Café, I'm still trying to figure out what it wants to be. The enticing pastries and fancy lattes—cardamom rose, rosemary sea salt—and customers who spend hours with a single cup, their files, papers, and laptops spread across long tables, say "coffee shop." The inventive sandwiches and quality ingredients, on the other hand, fit the "café" part of the name—but without the ambience and skillful service you'd expect in a restaurant.

It seems like owners Youn Song and daughter Jenny Song want the place to be everything to everyone. That's certainly a generous goal, and perhaps others don't find the lack of focus as frustrating as I do. For, as I eventually discovered, much of the food is tasty and nicely made.

My husband and I first visited on a Saturday morning in mid-autumn. After a long wait in line at the counter, eyeing a couple of selections from the list of breakfast specials, we arrived at the front of the line—only to be told, when we tried to place our order, that breakfast had ended; they had run out.

Buche de Noel
chocolate peppermint or pumpkin
beautifully decorated with meringue mushrooms & sugar Holly berries
(734) 665-6666
pre-order only
www.jeffersonmarketandcakery.com
609 W. Jefferson • Ann Arbor

HARVEST KITCHEN
Too Busy to Cook?
Try Harvest Kitchen!
FRESH LOCAL YPSI CONVENIENT
Harvest Kitchen makes ready-to-go meals using organic ingredients from local farms. Try a single meal, preorder your favorites, or sign-up for a subscription to get our complete menu every week. Find us at our Ypsilanti store or our Ann Arbor Farmers Market locations.

HOME DELIVERY AVAILABLE
32 E CROSS ST, YPSILANTI
HARVEST-KITCHEN.COM
734.395.7782

ILLUSTRATION: JOHN COPLEY

Kuroshio

A JAPANESE RESTAURANT

Liberty near Main
734-929-2271
www.kuroshiorestaurant.com

MANI OSTERIA & BAR

ISALITA 100% PURO MEXICO

the best things
come in pairs

Gift Certificates Available

Purchase $200 in Gift Certificates,
get $20 FREE

redeemable at both Mani Osteria and Isalita

341 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor, MI 48104 | 734.769.6700 | www.maniosteria.com
341 A E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor, MI 48104 | 734.213.7400 | www.isalita.com

Metzger's

GERMAN RESTAURANT

A DINING TRADITION SINCE 1928

Traditional German Food • Unique Daily Specials
Great Steaks and Prime Rib • Fresh Seafood
Healthy Salads • Visit us at *www.metzgers.net*

Call to order Gift Certificates for the Holidays!

Join us for Happy Hour Specials in the Bar
2pm-7pm, Monday-Thursday
3pm-6pm Friday

305 North Zeeb Road • Ann Arbor
(In Baxters Plaza)
734-668-8987

For every $50 in Gift Cards purchased, you'll receive a booklet of monthly offers worth over $75.00 for 2014

Grizzly Peak and Old German Gift Cards make great presents for business associates students, family and friends

JANUARY
FREE bowl of Cheddar Ale Soup

FEBRUARY
10% of your guest check donated to the Sam and Jean Frankel Cardiovascular Center

MARCH
FREE Old German half liter mug

APRIL
FREE order of Polenta Fries in Grizzly Peak

MAY
20% OFF your lunch check
Monday - Friday, 11am - 4pm

JUNE
FREE Old German T-Shirt

JULY
10% OFF your dinner check.
Monday - Thursday, 4pm - 11pm

AUGUST
$5 OFF a growler of your choice

SEPTEMBER
FREE order of Grizzly's famous Chicken Quesadillas

OCTOBER
FREE Soup and Half Sandwich.
Monday - Friday, 11am - 4pm

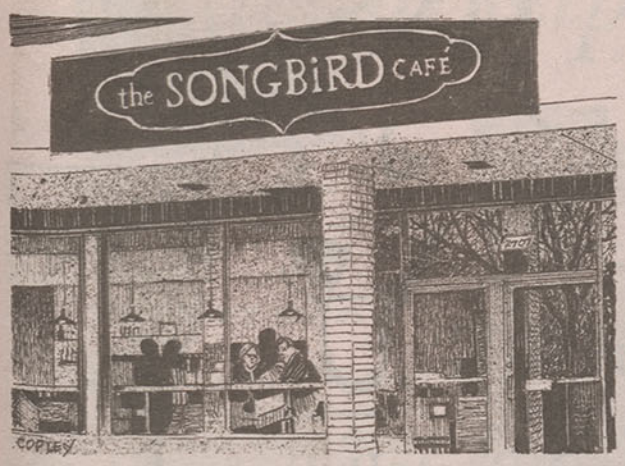
NOVEMBER
FREE Grizzly Peak logo pint glass

DECEMBER
15% OFF your Old German guest check

HAND MADE Grizzly Peak BREWING COMPANY

OLD GERMAN bar and bierkeller

on the corner of s. ashley and w. washington in ann arbor
grizzlypeak.net · oldgerman.net · 734.741.7325



I stared at the young woman. How does a breakfast place run out of breakfast? Should we move on or settle for an early lunch? Irritated, yet hungry and conscious of the people lined up behind us at the single register, we made a couple of quick lunch choices from the regular chalkboard menu—a turkey and avocado sandwich and a *kogi hoagi*.

Irritated, yet hungry and conscious of the people lined up behind us at the single register, we made a couple of quick lunch choices from the regular chalkboard menu —a turkey and avocado sandwich and a kogi hoagi.

She gave us a numbered placard to post near our chosen perch in the sparssely decorated dining room. Once your order is ready, it's brought to your table eventually (the staff is often hapless). Fortunately, another lengthy wait brought us an admirable lunch.

The hoagie, a crusty oblong bun stuffed with thin slices of Korean barbecued pork (beef or tofu are other options), grilled peppers and onions, and a sweet and spicy hot sauce, was particularly delicious, as were the thick-sliced, house-made potato chips on the side. Elevating the turkey sandwich from the ordinary was a nice lemon mayonnaise and the bread, slices of Pugliese lightly toasted on a charcoal grill. (Except for those that come in a bun or a wrap, most of Songbird's sandwiches are made on that same bread.) A chocolate brownie cookie, moist and rich, also helped mitigate the earlier disappointment.

Breakfast specials are only offered on the weekends, so we returned a couple of weeks later to try again. Though cornflakes-breaded French toast and a prosciutto-egg sandwich were among the possibilities that day, we opted for an egg Florentine sandwich on a brioche bun and a Korean beef-and-avocado wrap. Excited to see that American fries were Songbird's breakfast starch—not many places make these anymore—we were a bit disappointed to receive deep-fried chunks rather than traditional pan-fried, parboiled slices. Nonetheless, we enjoyed our breakfast, including the potatoes. A cranberry scone and hot chocolate sweetened the meal's end.

Later, for a weekday breakfast alone, I chose a tomato-mozzarella omelet from the long list on the regular menu, and, if not as soft and lightly cooked as I prefer, it was still quite tasty.

From then on, I focused on lunch. Generally, I'm not a member of the Zingerman's overstuffed-sandwich club; I like to taste all the elements, from bread to spread, from filling to lettuce, and, when making a sandwich at home, I give equal weight to all the parts. So I appreciate the way Songbird Café creates inventive and enticing spreads and fillings, and applies them with a light touch. Occasionally, though, it's too light, even for me. I tasted only the most tantalizing bit of pistachios and fig jam on the pistachio-turkey sandwich and wished that I had enough turkey and apple slices to finish off the last bites of toasted Pugliese bread. A grilled cheese constructed of three different types, however, was so thick that a light toasting on a char-grill wasn't sufficient to fully melt it. Untried sandwich options include a smoked salmon, corned beef and cheddar, ham and smoked gouda, and a goat cheese and arugula.

Songbird usually has a couple of soups available at lunch, and I saw several cups and bowls go out each time I visited. I tried a mushroom-brie soup, and it was as richly decadent as one might wish. The restaurant's salad bar presents the usual suspects in a self-serve cooler, with a few intriguing dressings—Asian ranch, for instance—to dress up the ordinary ingredients. But I'd stick to the sandwiches—or a soup and half-sandwich special—garnished with those addictive chips.

If I sound confused and uncertain, it's due in large part to the mixed messages I mentioned at the beginning. Am I eating at a coffee shop or a café or a diner? The criterion is different for each, and a sharper focus in food, service, concept, and design would tell me, as a customer, what to expect.

I hope that in its second year the Songbird Café decides what it wants to be, so I know before I go in if I'll be settling back with a cup and a magazine, or wiping up the last bits of my omelet with toast, or treating myself to a wonderful lunch, an inspired fusion of grilled Korean pork and American sub, at my local café.

—Lee Lawrence

Songbird Café
2707 Plymouth Road (Plymouth Mall)
761–1555
thesongbirdcafeannarbor.com

Mon. 7:30 a.m.–6 p.m., Tues.–Fri. 7:30 a.m.–9 p.m., Sat. 8 a.m.–8 p.m., Sun. 9 a.m.–8 p.m.

Breakfasts $4.95–$10, sandwiches $5.95–$10.50

Wheelchair accessible

Local • Sustainable • Organic

Café Felix

Lunch • Dinner • Weekend Brunch & Bloody Mary Bar

Ann Arbor's Premier Bistro Experience

Award-Winning French Wine List

Craft Cocktail Bar

TOWNIE TUESDAYS
Every Tuesday from 6-9pm in December, buy one entrée, get one free
(Of equal or lesser value. Must mention this ad. Not available Dec. 31st)

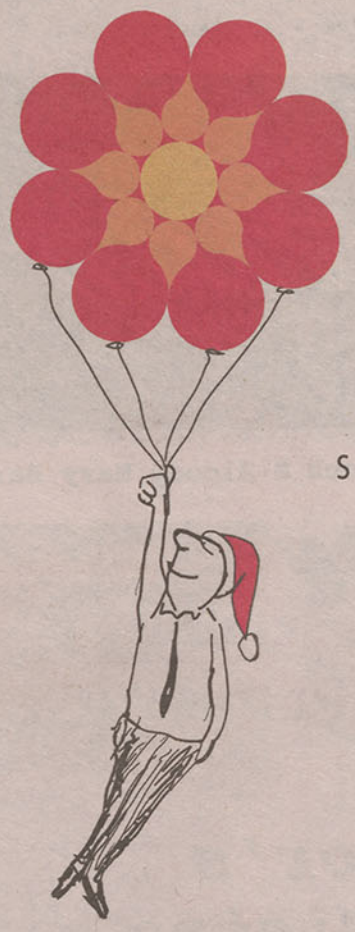
OpenTable.com Diners' Choice WINNER 2013

Exquisite food
Alluring ambiance
Gracious service

OpenTable.com Diners' Choice WINNER 2012

Book Your Holiday Parties Today!
Gift Cards Available.

Reservations via OpenTable.com
204 S. Main Street
Ann Arbor, Michigan
734.662.8650
www.cafefelix.com



LIFT YOUR Holiday Spirits

SHOP OUR SECOND LEVEL.

Monday-Friday
10am 'til 7pm

Saturdays
9am 'til 6pm

Sundays
11am 'til 6pm

KERRYTOWN
MARKET & SHOPS
407 N. Fifth Ave | Corner of 4th & Kingsley
kerrytown.com | 734-662-5008 | Visit us on Facebook

ARBOR DOG

DAYCARE & BOARDING

Win **FREE** *Daycare for Life!**

WE HAVE OUTGROWN OUR CURRENT FACILITY! HELP US FIND A NEW HOME IN ANN ARBOR AND YOU COULD WIN FREE DAYCARE FOR LIFE.*

**Free daycare for the life of your dog, at our new facility. Call or stop in for complete details.*

BACK TO BACK
- Best Boarding/Dog Daycare Awards
"BEST OF ANN ARBOR"
- The Destination Guide

24 hour-a-day dedicated care
100% Cage-Free Facility
Live Streaming Web Cams

Arbordogdaycare.com **734-677-2332**

Looking for that special holiday gift?

Talk *to the* **beverage aficionados** *at*

A&L Wine Castle
Family Owned & Operated

We carry hard to find beverages!
1500+ Fine Liquors • 1000+ Wines
350+ Domestic & Imported Beers
200+ Fine Cigars

A&L WINE CASTLE • ASK ABOUT DELIVERY! • 2424 W. STADIUM • 734.665.9463 • AANDLWINECASTLE.COM

Marketplace Changes

by Sally Mitani

Arbor Hills Gets a Nerve Center

Zola Bistro and three more stores

Arbor Hills Crossing at Washtenaw and Platt shuns the big-mall paradigm of anchor stores flanked by smaller, more transient shops. But **Zola Bistro,** if not the anchor, is the nerve center for the complex. Smack in the center and with a menu that welcomes any kind of eating—breakfast, brunch, lunch, snacks, dinner, and dessert—it's hard *not* to stop in for something.

That seems to be what the developers, Chicago-based North Shore Properties and the local Campus Realty, had in mind. "They came to us and asked us to open a restaurant," says Alan Zakalik.

Zakalik and wife Hediye Batu own downtown's Café Zola. Zakalik, a software engineer, until now had been more of a silent partner, but he's sort of an architect wannabe, and Zola downtown is a favorite hangout of the university-affiliated architectural crowd. So Zakalik quit his job at EDS, hired U-M architecture prof Craig Borum and his company, PLY, and embarked on the project to create a second Zola that echoes the earthy, industrial flavor of the downtown Zola but with lighter, more modern lines. "Instead of real bricks, we have these wooden bricks," Zakalik says, pointing to a floating sculpture on the back wall that was assembled onsite by U-M architecture students. And as at the downtown Zola, a substantial counter dominates the room, this one of Carrara marble, rather than poured concrete. Catie Newell, another U-M architecture prof, made the hand-blown glass light fixtures above it.

Zola Bistro's menu overlaps quite a bit with Café Zola's, but "we're focusing more on small plates—almost tapas, you might say—at dinnertime," says Zakalik. They're also experimenting with new items—a kale salad, a chili dog, a chocolate waffle.

Zakalik says he and his team of architects are working on the noise problem—at peak times, the high, hard ceiling amplifies the crowd a little too much, though it's perfect during the quieter hours when "you like to have a little noise, a little energy."

Zola Bistro, 3030 Washtenaw (Arbor Hills Crossing, Building B), 477–8088. Sun.–Thurs. 7 a.m.–10 p.m., Fri. & Sat. 7 a.m.–11 p.m. facebook.com/zolabistroannarbor

---

"Oh my gosh," says Courtney Looney. "Between the Glass Box, North Face, and Zola, I could totally spend my whole paycheck." Thirty-three-year-old Looney is manager of **LILL Studio**, a design-your-own-handbag business next door to Zola. This is LILL's first store outside of Chicago, which has three, though LILL has extended itself to a few other places using the Tupperware model.

J. ADRIAN WYLIE

The developers "came to us and asked us to open a restaurant," says Alan Zakalik. He and spouse Hediye Batu responded with Zola Bistro.

That's how Looney, who just moved here from Phoenix, got her start. Several years ago, Looney was visiting her best friend, who had moved to Chicago, and together they discovered LILL. Looney, who had a day job as an administrator in a construction business, brought LILL merchandise back with her to Phoenix and held some home parties.

You can buy any of the sample bags on display, but that would be missing the point. With forty styles and about 140 fabrics to choose from, the idea is to make a completely unique product. Such stars as Jennifer Garner, Debra Messing, and Susan Sarandon have.

Looney fetches the bag she brought in to work that morning, one of about ten she owns, a "Roxy," with black-on-black circles as the main fabric, gray basket-weave side panels, with more adventurous touches inside (bright pink twill) and on the strap (black, white, and pink "City Block"). "We get a generous discount," Looney says, but the Roxy would cost the rest of us about $150. Sewn by a Chicago seamstress, a custom bag arrives about three or four weeks after you place your order.

Looney says she just ordered LILL's biggest bag, the "Paula," to haul around the snow boots she just bought at North Face. "I've never been in Michigan in the winter," she says, but she's stoked: "I have an aunt in Alpena."

LILL Studio, 3030 Washtenaw (Arbor Hills Crossing, Building B), 975–8696. Mon.–Sat. 10 a.m.–8 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m.–6 p.m. 1154lill.com

---

Bluemercury is the fifty-eighth store in a cosmetics chain owned by Marla and Barry Jon Beck. Manager Shakiba Farokhrani says that the Becks have a thing for the stars and planets, which are also the inspiration for the Becks' own cosmetic line M61 (apparently a reference to the Messier 61 galaxy).

Shakiba arrived in Ann Arbor from Iran in 1983 as a bride (she didn't know any English, but "I knew French, so I took French classes to learn English"). In 2004, she sold her Golden Needle bridal shop and entered the skin care business, selling Clarins in the aisle at Marshall Fields. "I sold so much that they moved me to Bobbi Brown."

Bluemercury sells a variety of high-end brands that you otherwise can't get any closer than Somerset mall in Troy, says Farokhrani. Then she scoots away to stop an African American woman from buying the wrong moisturizer. "You and I have enough oil in our skin," she says to her conspiratorially. "You need a hydrating tinted moisturizer. Let me tell you a little secret. Do your hydration," she says, leading her to another brand.

3070 Washtenaw, suite 103 (Arbor Hills Crossing, Building D), 477–9000, Mon.–Sat. 10 a.m.–8 p.m., Sun. noon–5 p.m. bluemercury.com

---

Brooks Brothers opened its **Flatiron** shop at Arbor Hills. It's only the eighth in the country, says manager Abbey Clay, and aims to attract a younger clientele than three-button-suit Brooks Brothers stores.

The look is decidedly preppie, with a lot of repp ties and tartan scarves on display. Brooks Brothers has a love-hate relationship with its Ivy League reputation. Surprisingly, Brooks Brothers brought democracy to menswear—it invented the repp tie, whose stripes run the opposite direction of a regimental tie, as a kind of rebuke to the British gentry and their sacred and complicated striped-tie etiquette.

Brooks Brothers Flatiron Shop, 3030 Washtenaw (Arbor Hills Crossing, Building B), 477–9113. Mon.–Fri. 10 a.m.–9 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.–8 p.m., Sun. noon–6 p.m. brooksbrothers.com

You Can Count on Monahan's!

Your Hometown Fish Mongers since 1979.

Come in and taste the difference... Wild gulf shrimp

The ONLY hand cleaned and fresh cooked shrimp in town!

Whatever your tradition, we'll help you celebrate! Whole poached salmon, smoked fish, oysters (whole and shucked), herring, lutefisk, eel, baćalao, ground kosher fish, shrimp cocktail, party platters and the most beautiful array of the freshest fish in the area.

Party with the best!

- **caviar**
- **salmon roe "ikura"**
- **smoked fish**
  incredible selection
- **beautiful catered platters**
  Smoked fish, shrimp and poached salmon
- **gift certificates**
- **t-shirts**

Spread a little cheer with our homemade patés!

"The fish market we wish were next door."
— *Saveur Magazine, 2004*

Now serving lunch fresh from the case to the plate!

MONAHAN'S
Seafood Market

www.monahansseafood.com
407 N. Fifth Ave. in Kerrytown
Open 7 days a week • **662-5118**

Follow us:

Fresh *imaginative* vegetarian cuisine

Seva

314 EAST LIBERTY
ANN ARBOR 662•1111

Watch for our NEW location, in *Westgate Shopping Center*, this Winter:
2541 JACKSON RD

www.sevarestaurant.com

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

December's featured entree Chicken Skillet Pot Pie

Join us for Bistro Fridays
One Price Three Courses!

Taking reservations for New Years Eve Champagne Dinner.

\aůt\ BAR

Discover what gay Ann Arbor already knows
315 Braun Court . Ann Arbor . 48104
734.994.0558 www.autbar.com

Higher Standards.
The Common Grill.

THE COMMON GRILL

Monday:	Closed
Tuesday - Thursday:	11am - 10pm
Friday - Saturday:	11am - 11pm
Sunday:	11am - 9pm
December 24 & 25:	Closed

Now taking reservations for New Years Eve

112 S. Main - Downtown Chelsea
commongrill.com - [734] 475-0470

Marketplace **Changes**

El Harissa Opens at Last

North African food at Maple-Miller Plaza

A year ago, Susan Thomas and Khaled Houamed said they would shortly be opening their **El Harissa Market Café** in Maple-Miller Plaza. Finally, they've achieved liftoff: the gelato counter opened in October, followed a few weeks later by a deli case with a respectable array including hummus, marinated olives, carrot dip, mujadara, and soups, with more to come. Harissa is a North African paste of olive oil, red peppers, and spices, and figures in many of the items behind the counter of what will eventually be both a restaurant and a market. Right now, it's mainly a deli case with seating.

The pair are both new to the food business, and it shows. Houamed, originally from Tunisia, is a pharmacologist, neurobiologist, and CEO of his own biotech company but was reluctant to sell a customer some roasted vegetables in the display case: "I'm unhappy with the way the parsnips came out—they are a bit woody. I want you to understand that," he fusses. Thomas confides that she was flummoxed when an employee called in sick—though a teacher for thirty years, "somehow it never occurred to me that my staff might get sick," she laughs.

Their lack of experience in the rough and tumble day-to-day business of retail is probably the main reason it took them over a year to get their shop open. Susan says the specific stumbling block had to do with how to license a space that was both a market and a restaurant—with the former being covered by Michigan Department of Agriculture rules and the latter by the Washtenaw County health department. It didn't help that their kitchen is not connected—prepared food has to be carried through an alleyway.

El Harissa's has attracted the attention of the organic and sustainable-minded Selma Café crowd. On this particular day, farmer Salomon Jost, in a jaunty Irish tweed cap and wrapped in several kinds of plaid, was drinking tea and working on his laptop—he had been making some stops around town marketing his organic chicken. Meanwhile, Susan Todoroff from nearby Juicy Kitchen dashed in to discuss an event she was catering.

At the moment, most of El Harissa's 2,000 square feet is bare—that's the market part, where Khaled's next project is bringing in fair trade food and crafts from Tunisia. Susan says the maket will also be stocked with "local produce and the kind of groceries we use in our cooking. So, for instance, if someone wants to make a couscous at home, they will be able to buy all the ingredients here." And even farther down the road, Susan and Khaled eventually hope to have a restaurant kitchen on site and cook food to order.

El Harissa Market Café, 1516 N. Maple (Maple-Miller Plaza), 585–0686. Daily 11 a.m.–8 p.m. elharissa.com

Briefly Noted

Briarwood's message to Arbor Hills Crossing is a loud and clear "Bring it!" Its new leases in the last year seem to be a point-by-point rebuttal to the fancy new shopping complex. Arbor Hills has lululemon? Well, Briarwood just got **Athleta,** the other pricey brand of yoga wear for women. Arbor Hills has Bluemercury? Briarwood signed **LUSH**, handmade cosmetics and body products.

Briarwood also has hired an Indianapolis PR firm to get out the word that it's stepped it up a notch for the holidays. The Kerrytown children's store **Elephant Ears** took a temporary spot (through January 15) near Von Maur, and **English Gardens** likewise has a temporary spot in the former Tricho salon (Tricho just moved to the other side of JC Penney).

Briarwood's biggest news is its skating rink in front of Penney's (or more to the point, in front of Cinnabon, offering a possible solution to their 880-calorie snacks). Andy Saad is the owner of Fun4Us, which supplies malls and private parties with bouncy castles. He thinks synthetic ice will be the new bouncy castle, and he's leased the space that used to be the kiddie play area for a year.

J. ADRIAN WYLIE

After a year of licensing issues and other stumbling blocks, Susan Thomas and Khaled Houamed happily opened El Harissa Market Café.

Synthetic ice is a crazy polymer that looks and feels like a plastic cutting board if you touch it with your fingers but feels like ice if you're wearing ice skates. Hockey players practice on it, so it's probably good enough for most amateur skaters. Skating is $6 an hour, and you can rent hockey skates for an additional $2 or BYO.

Elsewhere in the big mall, **Sushi Café,** where the Observer's Jim Manheim used to get his *hwe dup bap,* has closed. It will be replaced soon, a sign says, by **Potato & Co.**

Briarwood mall, 100 Briarwood Circle. Mon.–Sat. 10 a.m.–9 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m.–6 p.m. Extended hours through Christmas (see website). www.simon.com/mall/briarwood-mall

---

"Thank you for coming out today. We need all the help we can get," said one cashier fervently, shortly after **GFS Marketplace** opened. She had clearly been instructed to thank customers for their support and left to devise her own wording.

But she was right. GFS *is* going to need all the help it can get. The west side of Ann Arbor has every kind of grocery store imaginable, from high-end specialty grocers like Plum Market and Arbor Farms, to discount houses ALDI and, a few miles south, Costco, to large, plain vanilla Kroger.

The Grand Rapids–based Gordon Food Service is a restaurant supply company that began opening these warehouse-like markets thirty-five years ago, says spokesperson Mark Dempsey, because "our wholesale customers would run out of items between deliveries and were literally knocking on our door." It turned out to be a popular move: GFS now has 165 Marketplace stores.

This GFS, in the former CVS drugstore on Liberty near Stadium, is smaller than most, but, like all GFS stores, has a lot of restaurant and catering dry goods, giant cans of soup and ketchup, crowd-sized packages of portioned-out frozen entrées and desserts, and small sections of fresh meat and produce. As its sign says—in a direct challenge to Costco and Sam's Club—"no membership required."

GFS Marketplace, 2151 W. Liberty, 761–2348. Mon.–Sat. 7 a.m.–8 p.m., Sun. noon–5 p.m. gfs.com

---

Most small businesses struggle to pay the rent. How can **Merit**—a "cause-based" fashion brand—give 20 percent off the top of every purchase to a scholarship fund and still pay the rent? "We covered rent the first week we moved in," says David Merritt coolly.

Merritt was the 2008–2009 captain of U-M's basketball team. "I wasn't a star. I averaged about two points per game," he says, and he graduated with a degree in sports management.

Now he works closely with the Jalen Rose Academy to identify at-risk youth in Detroit, get them through high school, and provide college scholarships.

Most of Merit's shirts, hats, wooden-bead bracelets, and notebooks carry the Merit logo patch, which Merritt hopes will become recognized as a "positive messag-

J. ADRIAN WYLIE

ELEGANT DINING ROOM, PRIVATE ROOMS, COZY WINE BAR
SPECIAL OCCASIONS, BUSINESS, OR CASUAL GET TOGETHERS
the earle
AN ANN ARBOR ORIGINAL SINCE 1977
Downstairs in the Historic Earle Building, 121 W. Washington at Ashley
734.994.0211 • www.theEarle.com

BETTER BRITTLE WITH A BITE

Chef's Table by Harriet Seaver

We don't usually claim to make anything "better than mom or grandma." In the case of our habanero Cashew Brittle, though, even grandma says we do it better than she does (so we send her a BIG box of it every year).

Tim loved my mother's peanut brittle but thought he would spice it up a little. In the process, he discovered ways to improve the snap and texture and decrease that chewy stuck-in-your-teeth finish. What he ended up with is crispy and airy brittle with a bite!

Fortunately, we can customize the heat level (grandma likes it mild, we like it HOT), and of course the toasted cashews are definitely a step up from peanuts. To get even more decadent, Tim dips this stuff in Ghirardelli chocolate (cuz everything needs a little chocolate).

You can't buy this anywhere but at TIOS – and only during the holiday season. We'll have bags of it, boxes, jars, pretzels dipped in chocolate and coated with brittle dust (we call these our Brittley Spears), plain brittle, and chocolate covered. We'll take special orders too!

Stop in for lunch, dinner or a drink (or just stop in) and ask for a sample – you'll be hooked.

FATHER TEQUILA

by Jeremy Seaver

I am a complete Christmas nerd. I love the lights (yes, my house is one of the obnoxious ones with too many decorations), the music (even the hippopotamus song), crowds at the mall, all of it. The only thing I have never enjoyed is eggnog. I just can't do it. I bet if you added tequila it would be great, but I'll be honest, I've never tried it – and I never will. I can't in good conscience recommend something I don't drink myself. But... that just means I'll have to drink it straight. Añejos are great sipping tequilas. One of my favorites is Corazón de Agave añejo. It has some great cinnamon flavor already, and, as an added bonus, it will probably make your relatives a lot more tolerable. Feliz Navidad!

A HOT GIFT IDEA

by Tim Seaver

Twenty-five years ago I had an empty shelf on the wall behind the cash register. While shopping at the Big 10 Party Store, I noticed how nice looking many of the hot sauce bottles they had were. I bought a bunch and put them on the shelf.

Customers started wanting to buy them, so I found a company that sold hot sauces and salsas exclusively and began TIOS' large selection. They just fit. Where I am going with this is the fact that unique hot sauces make a wonderful Christmas stocking-stuffer.

Lots of people bought hot sauces and hot sauce baskets as gifts, and a few months later the gift recipients started coming in for replacements. They all commented how much they enjoyed the hot sauce gift and how every time they used it they thought of the person who gave it to them.

We carry several sizes of gift baskets and varied selections, from my personal favorites to the politically incorrect, to the hottest sauces on the planet. If your Uncle Charlie can never find a sauce that's too hot for him, we have some that I guarantee will light his fire. Our selection is the largest in Michigan, and we have many sauces no one else carries.

We do corporate gift baskets, and we will deliver them. We will deliver the brittle too; you may mix and match the sauces and brittle.

SCRATCH-MADE SNACK

Baking Corner by Jessie Seaver

Candied nuts make a great party snack or holiday gift, and they are so easy to make! Many recipes call for egg whites and candy thermometers, but I've got a secret shortcut. In a saucepan, melt 2 tbsp unsalted butter, 2 tbsp orange juice, 4 tbsp sugar, 5/8 tsp cinnamon, and 1/3 tsp cayenne. Stir together over low heat until combined and the butter has thinned – or else you'll end up with clumps. Next stir in 3 cups of your favorite nuts; I like pecans because the ridges hold extra sugar. Spread the nuts out on an aluminum foil-covered baking sheet and bake at 325 for 15 minutes, stirring every 5. Happy snacking!

TIOS MEXICAN CAFE
401 E. LIBERTY, ANN ARBOR MI 48104
734-761-6650 OR ORDER ONLINE AT WWW.TIOSMEXICANCAFE.COM
open 7 days
11 am - 2am

The Polo Fields - Ann Arbor
Welcomes you to our delicious
Sunday Brunch

Seating from 10:00am-1:00pm
Call 734.998.1555 for Reservations

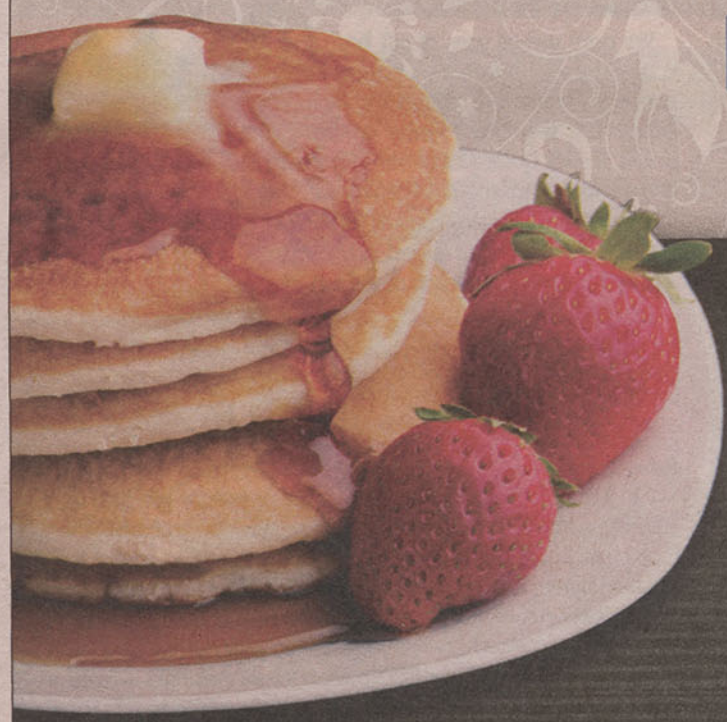
Sunday Brunch
December 8th
January 26th

Special Holiday Brunches*
Santa Brunch - December 22nd

*Call for Holiday Brunch pricing and seating times.
Pricing does not include tax and service charge.

Present this ad and receive half-off one Regular Adult Brunch with purchase of the same.
Call 732.998.1555 for reservations.

Non-member Prices: Adults $21.95 • Kids 3-12 $8.95 Kids Under 2 Free
Does not apply to Holiday Brunches. One Coupon per table. Expiration 1/31/14



THE POLO FIELDS GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUBS
5200 Polo Fields Drive | Ann Arbor, MI 48103 | 734-998-1555
The Polo Fields-Ann Arbor and The Polo Fields-Washtenaw
www.polofieldsccmi.com
The Polo Fields Golf & C.C.

Marketplace Changes

ing" brand. He's also experimenting with a few "cut-and-sew" (trade lingo for original design) men's shirts that don't sport the Merit badge: a long-sleeved, collared Henley for $75, a color-blocked hoodie for $85.

Merritt also works for Straight Gate International, his father's nondenominational ministry in Detroit. "Between the store and working with my father," he says, "I don't have time for basketball anymore."

Merit, 1113 South University, 585–0137. Mon., Wed., Fri. & Sat. noon–8 p.m. Closed Tues., Thurs., & Sun. meritgoodness.com

---

"They were struggling," says Ed Shaffran, landlord to **Shine,** the Fourth Avenue gift shop that closed before Halloween. It had the bad luck to open in the middle of winter, then "just as things were heating up, the city tore up the street in front of them. Believe me, I had no idea that was going to happen." This Shine was the second location of a Royal Oak store that is still doing fine in Royal Oak.

A replacement was waiting in the wings: Lauren Naimola's **Dear Golden.** "It will be a high-end vintage and modern clothing shop with a small vintage bridal salon as well," Naimola writes. "Right now I am working on renovating the space and the tentative opening will most likely be in March."

Closings

Elaine Selo says the offer on the three-story building on the corner of Main and Liberty that she and partner Cynthia Shevel own came as a surprise. She had ordered plenty of Christmas stock for her first-floor **Selo/Shevel Gallery**, and people were snapping it up at a pretty good clip in early November. The gallery, which opened in 1982, will close "in March, or when the merchandise runs out."

"Once these items are gone, they're gone," Selo says, but she wasn't making a sales pitch—rather, a broader statement about the one-of-a-kind, museum-quality art and craft that she and Shevel have been collecting and curating from around the world since the 1960s. They cut their teeth stocking their head-shop-turned-gift-shop, Middle Earth. Eventually they found themselves traveling the world. Selo, seventy-two, and Shevel, seventy-eight, want to retire, but they have no plans to leave Ann Arbor. "I hate Florida," says Selo flatly.

"A lot of what we have, people will never be able to get again," she says, as the last pockets of third-world artisans age out. For any enterprising scouts out there who want to pick up where she left off, she offers a tip. "The hard part wasn't finding wonderful things but figuring out how to get them back to Ann Arbor." They had adventures. They carried wads of cash—"of course, you can't use credit cards to do this kind of shopping." They had to think quickly and inventively. In Burma, because of trade sanctions, "we had to ship merchandise to another country, have it relabeled, and then ship it here." Does that mean she's a criminal? "Probably," she smiles delightedly.

Selo says she's bound by a confidentiality agreement not to reveal who bought the building and claims not to know what the new owner has in store but says, "If we didn't own the building, we could never have afforded to have a gallery.

"I love Main Street. I love the way it's distinguished itself. For the last thirty years, we've had very enlightened landlords and creative business owners who have been able to work together. I hope the building will continue in that tradition."

Longtime employee Tod Barker, who does the gorgeous, ever-changing window displays, plans to open a store of his own in Chelsea or Dexter, with "home goods, furniture, repurposed accessories, and serving ware."

Across the street at **Seyfried Jewelers**, owners Jim and Bill Hart, who bought the store in 1978 from Ralph Seyfried, also announced they were, somewhat reluctantly, going out of business in January. Reza Rahmani wants his building back. Jim says, "He wants to turn the back part into private dining for the Black Pearl [next door] and the front part into a women's clothing boutique," adding, a little sourly, "whatever that means." At press time it appeared that it would become a Life Is Good store.

Patrice Luther, trying on replacement wedding rings, said she is the middle of five generations of Seyfried customers. "My grandmothers, Sarah DeLong and Martha McCarthy, used to bring me in here." She, in turn, has bought all of her own granddaughters their birthstone necklaces there.

Bill Hart came to know the Seyfrieds when he was their Lennox china salesman—back then, the store also sold china and silver. "Seyfried used to give silver spoons to every Ann Arbor graduating senior girl," he recalls—a small investment against a future of silver, china, and jewelry purchases.

"All we have now are frozen clams," says Oliver Vallier to a customer asking about brine shrimp in the closing days of **University Aquarium,** the Westgate pet shop specializing in fish. It opened forty-five years ago. Vallier and partner Donna Hatch have owned it for the last twenty-seven.

Clams, brine shrimp, "marine cuisine," and "emerald entrée" (for vegetarian tangs and angels) are some of the specialized fish food Vallier kept in the freezer. Rummaging around for the clams, he pulls out a baggie of frozen mice. "These are for snakes," he remarks. "Some snakes prefer them to live mice, because live mice often bite back. You don't get *that* kind of information at the big-box pet supply stores."

Vallier, sixty-two, will continue his aquarium cleaning business (the yellow tang that has lived at University Aquarium for fifteen years will be moving to Mott Hospital). He says a couple of people have tried to buy the business, but "when they went to get a loan, the bank said 'no thanks.'" ■

The Zingerman's Times

©2013 DSE Inc. December 2013 Printed in Ann Arbor Land of a thousand flavors

Cranberry Pecan Bread

This bread is a magic combination of the Better than San Francisco Sourdough with more than half a pound of pecans and dried New England cranberries in every loaf! Pick it up at Zingerman's Bakehouse, Roadhouse, & Delicatessen or ship from zingermans.com.

Limited Edition Brew Now Appearing!

Zingerman's Coffee Company recently confirmed rumors that this year's highly anticipated, Holiday Blend coffee delivers flavors of caramel with hints of lemon and a floral honey. It's a delicious accompaniment for dessert. Available at Zingerman's Coffee Company, Bakehouse, Roadhouse & zingermans.com.

Insider Alert: Stop by the Deli for a taste of their EXCLUSIVE special blend for the holidays!

Brides Get a Jump Start Planning 2014 Weddings

Reservations are booking quickly for the 2014 wedding season, local event planners report to the *Times* Bridal section. Those in the know are making arrangements now for romantic rustic barn weddings at Zingerman's Cornman Farms. Check it out at www.cornmanfarms.com.

Zingerman's Roadhouse	2501 Jackson Rd. 734.663.FOOD
Zingerman's Delicatessen	422 Detroit St. 734.663.3354
Zingerman's Catering and Events	422 Detroit St. 734.663.3400
Zingerman's Bakehouse	3711 Plaza Dr. 734.761.2095
Zingerman's mail order	610 Phoenix Dr. 888.636.8162
ZingTrain	415 Detroit St. 734.930.1919
Zingerman's Creamery	3723 Plaza Dr. 734.929.0500
Zingerman's Coffee Company	3723 Plaza Dr. 734.929.6060
Zingerman's Candy Manufactory	3711 Plaza Dr. 734.761.2095

www.Zingermans.com

ari weinzweig's best of 2013 list leaked to the *times*!

On a tip received from an anonymous source, the *Times* investigative bureau has accessed a list of Zingerman's co-founder's favorite foods from the past year. Stock these items for holiday entertaining or to ship to food-loving friends from coast to coast. For the full list, see the November/December Zingerman's *Times* newsletter, available at every Zingerman's location and at www.zingermanscommunity.com.

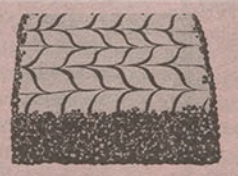
hungarian coffeehouse desserts top holiday tables

Buy a slice of any Hungarian dessert and get a small coffee for a $1, exclusively at the Deli, Fridays & Saturdays, after 5pm!

Inspired by Ari's annual favorites list, *Times* readers are planning a memorable finish to their special holiday meals–elegant cakes and tortes from Zingerman's Bakehouse.

Rigó Jancsi Torte
Two light layers of chocolate sponge cake filled with chocolate rum whipped cream, iced with apricot glaze and dark chocolate ganache.

Cardinal Slice
Three layers of crisp meringue and sponge cake separated by whipped cream and créme frâiche infused with a sweet espresso syrup.



Esterházy Torte
Layers of toasted walnut cake filled with vanilla bean pastry cream, whipped cream and toasted walnut, decorated with vanilla and dark chocolate fondant.

the best of 2013 tasting with ari

Come check it out, and sample Zingerman's favorite foods from a flavorful year.

Offered on two dates!
Wed., Dec. 4 or Wed., Dec. 18
6:30-8pm • $45/person.

Call 734-663-3400
to save a seat or reserve online at www.zingermansdeli.com

Times Readers Say Cheese for Creamery Tastings

Local cheese lovers are all smiles this winter because they have the opportunity to taste and learn more about their favorite fromage, thanks to a series of events at Zingerman's Creamery. This month, spots are filling up quickly for two special tastings.

Mountain Cheeses from Lots of Places without Mountains

Friday, December 6
Come see how American cheese makers manipulate terroir and milk to create flavors of the mountains. Taste and discuss 7 of our favorite "mountain" cheeses.

Local Jams & Local Cheese

Friday, December 13
Come meet Shannon from Slow Jams in Grosse Pointe Woods. She uses all Michigan fruit in her jams, which are paired with Michigan made cheeses for this event.

Tastings are 7-9pm • 3723 Plaza Drive
$30 • Call 734.929.0500 to reserve a spot!

December Cheese Special

Manchester $12.99/lb (reg. $14.99/lb)
Soft ripened double cream cheese, with a savory, earthy flavor. Serve on bread or crackers, or bake into a puff pastry.

Zingerman's Take-home Holiday Feasts!

deLi celebrates in spectacular taste

Get the special 2013 Holiday Menu at www.zingermanscatering.com or call 734.663.3400 for details.

roadhouse family feast out of the box!

Check out the holiday take-out menu at www.zingermansroadhouse.com or call 734.663.3663.

Reports of Airborne Bacon Taking Off From Ann Arbor

Sightings of UFP (Unidentified Flying Pork) are up across the U.S. this holiday season, according to a NASA investigation. According to insiders, this phenomenon is the result of local *Times* readers sending Zingerman's Bacon of the Month Club to food lovers around the country for the holiday.

Available in 3 and 6 month installments, the club features "the country's finest slabs of hog," according to *Men's Journal*, and makes a "fantastic gift," says Bobby Flay. Each shipment contains 12 to 16 ounces of artisan bacon, bacon stories, histories and recipes, plus a bacon booklet keepsake primer and awesome pig magnet with first club shipment.

For more information or to order, check out www.zingermans.com.

Zingerman's Gelato Racks Up Record Frequent Flyer Miles

The *Times* travel bureau reports handmade gelato is packing up and visiting friends and family from coast to coast in record numbers this season. With arrangements made through Zingerman's Mail Order, special gelato six-packs are shipping straight from Zingerman's Creamery in high volumes.

Two mail order-able gelato collections are currently available:

The Classic: Vanilla, Dark Chocolate, Dulce Leche, Peanut Butter, Mint Chocolate Chip, and Raspberry Sorbet

The Holiday Assortment: Vanilla, Dark Chocolate, Mint Chip, Gianduja, Maple Pecan, and Peppermint

Ship Zingerman's Zzang!® candy bars, gelato, coffee, gift baskets, breads and more to food loving family and friends coast to coast!
Holiday hours: 8am-midnight through December 23.
Call 888.636.8162 · www.zingermans.com

Music at Nightspots

rock 'n' roll

Captain Ivory

Catch them while you can

For months, friends had been telling me to check out Captain Ivory, and, when I finally caught up with the band, it more than lived up to the hype. Formed in August 2012 from a series of Basement Tape–inspired jam sessions, Captain Ivory is comprised of Jayson Traver on guitar and lead vocals, Robbie Bolog on lead guitar, Steve Zwilling on keyboards, Alex Patten on ukulele bass (yes, it's a very small bass), and Justin Leiter on drums. Despite an eclectic mishmash of musical tastes, Bolog says, the band jelled quickly, and songs were written on the spot. "That's how we knew it would work," he says. They still begin every practice with a free-flowing jam session.

The band crams onto the stage at PJ's Lager House in Detroit, the rhythm section tucked behind Traver and Bolog, with Zwilling squeezed in the corner, sitting sideways at his keyboards. Patten is particularly well concealed by his all-black attire, sunglasses, and the shadows cast by Bolog's towering frame.

The hidden rhythm section provides a perfect backbone. Along with Zwilling's piano (he learned to play by listening to Elton John, though here his sound is much closer to that of Rod Argent of the Zombies), it allows the guitars and vocals to soar and add depth. Most of the songs are a bluesy brand of hard-driving rock, with Traver attacking the microphone with throaty, Robert Plant–influenced vocals. Dressed in a vest and newsboy cap, he's a compelling front man.

Bolog and Patten chime in periodically with harmony, but Traver's singing is so richly textured, it almost sounds double-tracked. The songs are intricate, but catchy: "Sister Sadness" is reggae inspired, while "Tennessee Approximately" is country tinged. For their final song, "Six Minutes to Midnight," Bolog pulls a steel guitar into his lap, and Zwilling trades his keyboards for a stand-up bass drum, which he beats with a stick while slapping the side of it with a tambourine.

Captain Ivory has released a seven-song EP that was recorded live at Groove Box Studios in Detroit, and the band has since recorded studio versions of two of those songs, "False Remedy" and "Six Minutes to Midnight." Bolog says the goal is slowly to record more of their newer material with the hope of eventually pulling together a studio album. The band also has touring ambitions, so catch them while they're still in our backyard. They're a hard-playing band with a big sound; one thing's for certain, Captain Ivory doesn't cheat you out of your music.

Captain Ivory shares a bill with Anna Lee's Company and Hero, Jr., at Woodruff's on Friday, December 6.

—Chris Berggren

by John Hinchey

Listings are based on information available at press time. ***Up-to-date schedules are posted at AnnArborObserver.com,*** *but it may be advisable to call ahead. Times are noted only if they differ from the default showtimes listed in the description of each club.*

The Arena

203 E. Washington 222–9999

This downtown sports bar features live music Mon. 10 p.m.–2 a.m. No cover, no dancing. **Every Mon.: Laith Al-Saadi Trio.** An eclectic mix of roots Americana, classic rock, and blues, including many originals, by a jazz-tinged, jam-oriented trio led by local singer-guitarist Al-Saadi. With drummer Skeeto Valdez and bassist Jordan Schug.

The Ark

316 S. Main 761–1451

Michigan's leading showcase for American and international performers of all forms of traditional music. Shows almost every night at 8 p.m., Mon.–Sat., & 7:30 p.m., Sun. Unless otherwise noted, tickets are sold in advance at the Michigan Union Ticket Office (mutotix.com) and theark.org, and at the door. **Dec. 1: Tom Paxton.** One of the first singer-songwriters to emerge from the 60s folk revival, Paxton is still as prolific and popular, as pertinent and impertinent, as ever. A very versatile songwriter, he has written hauntingly beautiful ballads like "Rambling Boy" and "The Last Thing on My Mind," rousing sing-alongs like "Wasn't That a Party," and scores of splendid social satires. He's also an excellent performer who's always been a favorite with local audiences. $25. **Dec. 2: Mississippi Heat.** Vintage 50s-style Chicago blues by this internationally acclaimed band fronted by Inetta Visor, a powerhouse vocalist in the tradition of Etta James and Koko Taylor, and Pierre Lacocque, a Belgian blues harpist known for the subtlety of his solos and his hawklike tonal power. "Once in a blue moon a band like this comes along. Mississippi Heat's got the quality that gives you the gutbucket, gizzard-rip feel with each and every song. You just want to stop whatever the hell important thing you're doing and get down and boogie when these blues jump off those speakers," says *American Harmonica Newsletter* reviewer Rick Shidell. $15. **Dec. 3: Lee Murdock.** Murdock is a Great Lakes troubadour who writes songs about the lives of sailors and fishermen, lighthouse keepers, ghosts, outlaws, and everyday heroes. His music blends ragtime, Irish, blues, and folk styles, and he accompanies himself on 6- and 12-string guitars. Tonight he performs his **"Christmas Ship Concert,"** a family concert commemorating a late 19th-century tradition. At the end of the lumber season, Great Lakes captains would carry a final cargo heralding the holiday season with decks piled high with freshcut evergreen trees and garlands. $15. **Dec. 4: Hot Tuna Acoustic.** Guitarist Jorma Kaukonen and bassist Jack Casady, two original members of Jefferson Airplane, formed Hot Tuna in 1970 as a progressive blues-rock outfit, and the band had several hit records. Kaukonen and Casady toured as a duo in the 80s, and their current lineup includes drummer Scoota Warner and mandolinist Barry Mitterhoff. $40. **Dec. 5: Joe Henry.** Country-rooted folk-rock by this critically acclaimed singer-songwriter. Henry, who grew up in Michigan, is often compared to Van Morrison for his passionate emotional directness and to Dylan for his restless musical inventiveness and poetic lyrical touch, and even 2 decades into his career his music continues to evolve in unexpected and revelatory ways. "He has moved into a space that only he and Tom Waits inhabit in that they are songwriters who have created deep archetypal characters [and] new sonic universes to explore and express themselves in," says *All Music Guide* writer Thom Jurek. His show tonight blends material from throughout his 27-year career as well as new songs from a forthcoming album. $20. **Dec. 6: Black Jake & the Carnies.** Popular Ypsilanti octet that calls its energetic, foot-stomping blend of punk, old-time music, and bluegrass "crabgrass." According to *Deep Cutz* writer Jeff Milo, the band's latest full-length CD, *Sundry Mayhems,* features "blurring see-saw strings, a mean washboard, a wheezy accordion, angular, tinny banjos and mandolins and zingy, mercurial (yet melodious) lead vocals girded by poignant, rousing choruses (even some opera mixed in), at 0–60-and-back-again tempos." Opening act is **The Crane Wives,** a Grand Rapids Americana pop-folk quintet. $15. **Dec. 7: Paul Thorn.** Dark, bluesy, sharp-witted, pungently idiomatic original songs and covers by this veteran Mississippi singer-songwriter, a former professional boxer who is the son of a tent revival minister. His music often provokes comparisons to Lyle Lovett, and his recent CD *Pimps and Preachers* is an engagingly ambitious collection of often trenchantly funny story songs. *All Music Guide* writer Thom Jurek calls Thorn a "soul singer who can slip down into the murk and mess of human emotions with style and aplomb." He performs tonight with his band. $25. **Dec. 8: John McCutcheon's Winter Solstice.** A big favorite with local audiences, McCutcheon is a hammered-dulcimer virtuoso whose repertoire features all forms of Appalachian music, from sacred harp songs and traditional ballads to buoyant hoedowns, contemporary songs, and originals, including a series of labor union songs for kids. Called by *Frets* magazine "the most versatile and energetic figure in the American traditional revival," McCutcheon also plays guitar, banjo, fiddle, and autoharp, and he's a witty, charming performer. He performs tonight with a band that includes the legendary bluegrass fiddler **Laurie Lewis,** guitarist **John Jennings,** and virtuoso progressive bluegrass bassist **Mark Schatz.** $35. **Dec. 9: Ricky Skaggs & Kentucky Thunder.** Skaggs is widely recognized as a crucial figure in keeping alive a popular awareness of and appetite for traditional country music. A member of Ralph Stanley's bluegrass band at age 15, Skaggs also served apprenticeships with the Country Gentlemen, J.D. Crowe, and Emmylou Harris before setting out on his own in 1981 with *Waiting for the Sun to Shine,* an LP that produced 2 number-one country hits. A virtuoso on guitar, mandolin, fiddle, and banjo, Skaggs possesses a classic high, hairy tenor that lends even songs on contemporary themes a traditional resonance and depth of feeling. His recent CDs return to the sound of his pioneering bluegrass-country fusion hits of the 1980s. He performs tonight with his superb band, Kentucky Thunder. Skaggs' Ark shows usually sell out in advance. $40–$60. **Dec. 10: Aguankó.** Local Afro-Cuban jazz band led by conga and bongo player **Alberto Nacif** that recently released the CD *Elemental.* With timbales player José Espinosa, pianist Rick Roe, timbalero player Javier Barrios, trumpeter Paul Finkbeiner, saxophonist Russell Miller, bassist Patrick Prouty, and trombonist Chris Smith. $15. **Dec. 11: Gemini.** The popular Ann Arbor acoustic duo of twin brothers Sandor and Laszlo Slomovits performs original songs and traditional music from around the globe. They are joined tonight by 2 longtime collaborators, harmonica wizard Peter Madcat Ruth and composer-pianist Brian Brill, and 2 talented young musicians, bassist Jacob Warren and San's daughter, Emily, on fiddle. $12. **Dec. 12: Hoots & Hellmouth.** Led by singer-songwriters Rob Berliner and Sean Hoots, this experimental roots music band from Philadelphia is a local favorite whose music blends folk and alt-country idioms with both punk and jam band sensibilities. Opening act is **Holy Ghost Tent Revival,** a high-spirited postpunk acoustic Americana Greensboro (NC) sextet whose instrumentation includes euphonium and banjo. "Holy Ghost recalls a New Orleans jazz band rocking out, reminding us that, for a time, jazz wasn't much more than good and dirty dance music," says *Independent Weekly* (Durham) writer Andrew Ritchey. $20. **Dec. 13: Ebird & Friends Holiday Show.** Erin Zindle, the fiery fiddling frontwoman of the classy local progressive country-rock band The Ragbirds who has also released a solo CD, *Scenes from the Fragile, Agile Avian World,* is joined by several established and up-and-coming luminaries of the local music scene for her 6th annual program of new and old holiday music. Participants include pop-folk singer-songwriter **Jill Jack,** singer-guitarist **Lindsay Lou Rilko** of the Flatbellys, Third Coast Kings frontman **Sean Ike,** Appleseed Collective banjoist **Katie Lee,** blues singer-guitarist **Laith Al-Saadi,** The Understorey vocalist **Jess McCumons,** uilleann piper and My Dear Disco/Ella Riot founder **Tyler Duncan,** bassist **Brennan Andes** and trumpeter **Ross Huff** of Macpodz, The Moxie Strings fiddler **Diane Ladio,** percussionist **Dan Piccolo,** alt-country singer-songwriter **Mike Boyd,** pop-folk singer-songwriter **Jennifer Jones,** and others TBA. Emcee is improv comic **Shelly Smith.** $20. **Dec. 14: Lucy Kaplansky.** This acclaimed singer-songwriter, a former clinical psychologist, is known for her strong, supple voice and her wryly engaging blues- and country-flavored ballads. "Kaplansky's voice has a tender, vulnerable, confessional quality, and she consistently uses it to her advantage in neatly tailored acoustic settings," says *Washington Post* reviewer Mike Joyce. Opening act is **Count This Penny,** the Madison-based indie country-folk duo of Allen and Amanda Rigell. $17.50. **Dec. 15: Orpheum Bell.** Local self-styled acoustic "country and eastern" quintet that features a richly musical, often ravishing blend of country-folk rhythms with Gypsy and other Eastern European melodies, drawing on a diverse range of influences from the Carter Family and Gillian Welch to Kurt Weill, Tom Waits, and the Pogues. Its core sound blends vocals, accordion, guitar, and double bass, with additional texture and luster from violins, clarinet, percussion, and autoharp. Opening act is **Jonas Friddle & the Majority,** a Chicago-based self-styled orchestral folk septet whose music draws on old-time blues and string band music. $16.50. **Dec. 16: "Irish Christmas in America."** This popular annual evening of Irish instrumental music, song, and dance, organized by fiddler Oisin Mac Diarmada of the renowned traditional Irish quintet Teada, features the vocal trio **Lumiere** and TG4 Irish TV Traditional Singer of the Year and accordionist **Seamus Begley.** $20. **Dec. 17: Kiana June Weber.** *See review, p. 72.* Original acoustic music that fuses Celtic, rock, bluegrass, and jazz influences by this young Celtic fiddler, a Chelsea native who got her start in high school with the Chelsea House Orchestra. She was recruited by the renowned Calgary worldbeat fiddle ensemble Barrage at age 19, and last year she joined the Celtic fusion jam band Gaelic Storm. $15. **Dec. 18: Delbert McClinton.** Legendary Texas honky-tonk singer-songwriter whose music effortlessly melds country, blues, rock 'n' roll, and R&B traditions. A superb blues harpist, McClinton got his start as a teenager in the 50s backing blues masters like Howlin' Wolf and Jimmy Reed in San Antonio bars. Though his own records have typically enjoyed only a cult following, the likes of Emmylou Harris and Vince Gill have turned songs of his into hits, and he has recorded hit duets with Bonnie Raitt, Tanya Tucker, and others. McClinton's gotten even better with age: his recent recordings evince a relaxed mastery without losing the gritty swagger and drive that's always distinguished his music, and his 2009 CD *Acquired Taste* topped the *Billboard* blues chart. $50. **Dec. 19: Finvarra's Wren.** Traditional Irish and Celtic-American dances and carols by this Detroit-area multigenerational sextet led by singer-guitarist Jim Perkins. Tonight's show, **"Winter Solstice Celebration,"** features wassails, stories, and music with midwinter themes. $15. **Dec. 20: Eddie from Ohio.** This veteran acoustic quartet from Arlington, Virginia, is known for its resonant vocal harmonies, ace musicianship, and upbeat, well-crafted original songs. "Imagine Crosby, Stills, and Nash in their heyday, backed by Bela Fleck and the Flecktones," says *Dirty Linen* magazine, and Austin, Texas, radio DJ David Obermann says it evokes "shades of Washington Squares, Uncle Bonsai, and 10,000 Maniacs—but still unique." $30. **Dec. 21: The RFD Boys.** Authentic bluegrass by these longtime local favorites who have appeared in numerous festivals and on the cover of *Bluegrass Unlimited* magazine. Their shows blend top-notch musicianship with funny between-songs dialogue. They have several recordings, including *Live and Unrehearsed,* a 1994 Ark performance. $11. **Dec. 27 & 28: Crossroads Ceili.** Two evenings of Celtic music, song, and dance featuring **Mick Gavin & Family,** a veteran Detroit Irish music ensemble led by fiddler (and County Clare native) Gavin, along with traditional Irish dancer **Nick Gareiss,** U-M music professor **Evan Chambers & Family,** Bowling Green (OH) siblings **Colleen & Sean Bixler,** the **Dolowy siblings** from Plymouth, and others TBA. $15.

The B-Side

310 E. Washington 214–9995

This all-ages venue in the Neutral Zone teen center (with a side alley entrance off Fifth Ave.) features a

mix of touring, local, and teen bands, usually Sat., 7–11 p.m. Cover, dancing. **Dec. 7: "Acoustic Show."** A showcase of several local teen acoustic musicians and spoken-word artists.

The Black Pearl
302 S. Main **222–0400**

This seafood and martini bar features live music Tues. & Wed. 8–11 p.m. No cover, no dancing. **Dec. 3: Jody Raffoul.** Canadian pop-rock singer-songwriter whose music has been described as a hybrid of Bono's and Bruce Springsteen's styles. He is joined by backup vocalist and guitarist **Wes Buckley. Dec. 4: Beth Stalker Band.** An eclectic mix of styles, from Motown, blues, and jazz to rock and country by this band led by Detroit Music Award–winning singer-songwriter Stalker. **Dec. 10: Laith Al-Saadi.** Soulful acoustic rock and blues covers and originals by this local singer-guitarist. **Dec. 11: Lucas Paul.** Local pop-rock singer-songwriter whose influences range from the Beatles to Dave Matthews and Kings of Leon. **Dec. 17: Laith Al-Saadi.** See above. **Dec. 18: Garret Bielaniec & Billy Raffoul.** Classic rock and blues covers by this singer-guitarist duo. **Dec. 31: "New Year's Eve Celebration."** With a DJ. 10 p.m.–2 a.m.

The Blind Pig
208 S. First St. **996–8555**

This local music club features live music 4 nights a week, with a varied assortment of local and out-of-town rock 'n' roll, blues, reggae, and dance bands, 9:30 p.m.–1:30 a.m. (unless otherwise noted). Also, occasional early shows, usually 7–10 p.m. Karaoke on Mon.; closed most Sun. & Tues. If there's an opening act, the headliner usually goes on stage between 11:30 p.m. and midnight. Cover (except "Showcase Night"), dancing. If advance tickets are sold, they are available at the 8 Ball Saloon (below the club) and at etix.com. **Dec. 3:** TBA. **Dec. 4: "Hip-Hop Showcase."** With local hip-hop MCs TBA. **Dec. 5: "The Hive Stings the Pig."** A showcase of members of this local arts collective. With the local folk-rock duo **Nicholas Painter Acoustic Resonance,** Ypsilanti pop-folk singer-songwriter Hope Thomas in the guises of both **Hope Ann Hawkinson** and **JoPieWhyld,** and others TBA. **Dec. 6: Ann Arbor Soul Club.** Classic soul music by the local DJ duo of Brad Hales and Robert Wells. **Dec. 7: Jamall Bufford (aka Buff1).** Veteran local hip-hop rapper and songwriter. Tonight he celebrates the release of his new CD, *Victim of a Modern Age.* **Dec. 10:** TBA. **Dec. 11: "Vibe Out Wednesday."** Showcase of local hip-hop MCs TBA. **Dec. 12: Trembling Earth.** Manchester-based blues-inflected folk-rock jam band fronted by Waycross (GA) singer-guitarist John Heath. Opening acts are the **Dallas Barr Band,** a Brighton rock band led by singer-guitarist Barr, and **The Vagrant Symphony,** an Ypsilanti indie rock band. **Dec. 13: Anamanaguchi.** NYC postpunk powerpop quartet. Opening act is **Tusks,** a local multi-genre electronic music ensemble led by bassist Steven Stavropoulos. Advance tickets: $12 ($15 at the door). **Dec. 14: Dragon Wagon.** Highly regarded local acoustic roots-music sextet that calls its music "bluegrass folk-rock with a touch of Irish whiskey." Opening act is **Ekoostik Hookah,** a veteran acoustic, country-flavored neo-hippie dance band from Columbus. **Dec. 17:** TBA. **Dec. 18: Ann Street Soul Stirrers.** Local horn-fired 60s-style R&B and soul octet. Opening acts are **Adam Plomaritas,** a local Americana rock 'n' roll band led by singer-songwriter Plomaritas, and **Rachel Mazer,** a U-M jazz studies singer-saxophonist whose influences range from Billie Holiday to Beyoncé. **Dec. 19: All Tied Up.** Livonia alternative rock quartet. Opening acts are **Rambling Way,** a Plymouth rock 'n' roll quartet, and **Running Youngs,** a Livonia pop-punk garage quartet. **Dec. 20: The Ben Daniels Band.** Chelsea Americana folk-rock quintet led by singer-songwriter and guitarist Daniels, whose influences range from Robert Johnson to Dylan to Jack White. Opening acts are **Cold Tone Harvest,** a Plymouth acoustic roots music trio led by singer-songwriter Andrew Sigworth, and **Nick Shaheen & Associates,** a Chicago Americana quintet led by singer-songwriter Shaheen. **Dec. 21:** TBA. **Dec. 26:** TBA. **Dec. 27: Black Note Graffiti.** Reunion of this progressive blues-rock band from Blissfield formerly known as Krescent 4. **Dec. 28: Third Coast Kings.** Local horn-driven retro funk octet whose eponymous debut CD was released on the Italian funk label Record Kicks. Opening acts are **The DCR Experience,** an ensemble led by Ypsilanti blues- and funk-influenced folk-rock singer-songwriter Deondre Charelle Richmond, along with the Lambertville self-styled "psycho-funk soul-grass folk-a-billy" quartet **The Bricks,** and local pop-rock singer-songwriter **Michael Spain.** Also, **DJ Ayinde Audio. Dec. 31: The Bang!** Dance party with this local DJ collective that plays garage and 70s rock.

The Blue Nile
221 E. Washington **998–4746**

This downtown restaurant features live music, Fri. & Sat. 6–10 p.m. No cover, no dancing. **Every Fri. & Sat.: Louis Johnson.** Jazz standards and New Ethiopian jazz by this local pianist and saxophonist. On Saturdays he is joined by bassist Will Austin, and other friends TBA.

The Cavern Club
210 S. First St. **913–8890**

This downtown basement club in the Celebration Cellars banquet space features occasional live music, 10 p.m.–2 a.m. There is also sometimes music in the street-level Millennium Club and the 2nd-floor Circus Bar & Billiards. Also, karaoke in the Circus, Wed. & Thurs. 8 p.m. and Fri. & Sat. 9 p.m. **Dec. 7 & 31: Killer Flamingos.** Rock 'n' roll covers and originals by this popular veteran band from Dearborn. The Dec. 31 **New Year's Bash** ($69.95) includes a champagne toast at midnight and an all-night dinner & dessert buffet, and the band is preceded at 8:30 p.m. by a DJ. In the Millennium Club.

Common Cup
1511 Washtenaw **327–6914**

This coffeehouse run by the University Lutheran Chapel features live music and other entertainment occasional Fri. No cover, no dancing. December schedule TBA.

Conor O'Neill's
318 S. Main **665–2968**

Downtown Irish pub with live music Sun. 7:30–10 p.m. and Tues., Thurs., & Sat. 9:30 p.m.–1:30 a.m., and a DJ on Fri. 10 p.m.–2 a.m. No cover, no dancing. **Every Sun.: Traditional Irish Session.** All invited to join or listen to an instrumental jam session. **Every Tues.: Shaun Garth Walker.** Local singer-guitarist with an eclectic, wide-ranging repertoire. **Dec. 5: Anthony Paparelli.** 1990s to contemporary acoustic rock covers by this singer-guitarist. **Dec. 7: Joshua & Jeremy Sprague.** An eclectic mix of rock covers by these local brothers. **Dec. 12: Jimmy Auquier.** Acoustic pop-rock singer-guitarist from Detroit. **Dec. 14: The Robin Horlock Band.** Northville pop-rock band. **Dec. 19: Lucas Paul Band.** Local quartet led by pop-rock singer-songwriter Paul. **Dec. 21: Social Bones.** Detroit country-rock jam band. **Dec. 26: Mossy Moran.** Traditional singer from Ireland. **Dec. 28: Michael May & the Messarounds.** Jazz-inflected blues and blues-rock by this veteran local quartet led by vocalist and blues harpist May.

Crazy Wisdom Tea Room
114 S. Main **665–9468**

Tea room above Crazy Wisdom Bookstore features live music, Fri. & Sat. 8:30–10:30 p.m. No cover, no dancing. **Dec. 6: Ghost City Searchlight.** Dearborn postpunk quartet whose music draws on Celtic and American folk idioms. **Dec. 7: Steve Kovich.** Detroit singer-songwriter. **Dec. 13: Bill Edwards.** Local country singer-songwriter, 1989 winner of the Billboard Country Songwriting Contest, whose songs have been covered by the likes of Lee Roy Parnell and T. Graham Brown. **Dec. 14: John Churchville.** Local tabla player, accompanied by several musician friends, who plays Indian classical, light classical, fusion, and folk music. **Dec. 20: Dan Hazlett.** This Detroit-area singer-songwriter and guitarist plays blues-, R&B-, folk-, and jazz-influenced originals on topics that range from the outlandish to the sublime. **Dec. 21: Mark Dignam.** Introspective pop-folk by this Dublin-bred singer-songwriter who now lives in Pittsburgh. **Dec. 27: Marco and Asim.** Folk-rock and blues by the local duo of singer-guitarist Marco Bruschtein and bassist Asim Khan. **Dec. 28: Heather Styka.** Highly-regarded young pop-folk singer-songwriter from Chicago whose engagingly melodic, stylishly literate songs have provoked comparisons to the likes of Joni Mitchell and Suzanne Vega.

Creekside Grill and Bar
5827 Jackson Rd. **827–2737**

The intimate basement bar in this restaurant in Scio Township features occasional live music. Cover, dancing. **Dec. 29: II-V-I Orchestra.** Veteran local big band, led by saxophonist David Swain, that plays late-1930s swing and 1940s R&B. With vocalists Jim Tarravantes and Patty O'Connor. Tonight's program focuses on Duke Ellington's *Nutcracker.* 6:30–9 p.m.

The Elks Lodge
220 Sunset **761–7172**

This basement venue in the James L. Crawford Elks Lodge rec room features soul food and live jazz, blues, & rock Thurs.–Sat. 7–10 p.m. Also, DJs, Fri. & Sat. 10 p.m.–2 a.m. Dancing, usually no cover except for DJ shows. Members and guests welcome. **Every Thurs.: The Glimpses Duo/Trio/Quartet/Quintet.** Modern jazz and improvised music by a variable cast of local musicians led by alto, tenor, and baritone saxophonist **Dan Bennett. Every Sat.:** TBA. **Dec. 6: Jud Branam Quartet.** Local jazz ensemble led by drummer Branam, an MSU senior who is the son of the Corndaddy singer-songwriter. **Dec. 13: Maria Navedo Quartet.** A mix of standards and post-bop by this local ensemble led by saxophonist Navedo, a recent MSU grad. **Dec. 20: Tim Haldeman Trio.** Blues- and bebop-based jazz in a variety of styles and forms by this local ensemble led by saxophonist Haldeman. **Dec. 27: Dan Bennett/ Ingrid Racine Quintet.** A mix of jazz standards and modern jazz originals by this local ensemble led by saxophonist Bennett and trumpeter Racine.

Guy Hollerin's
3600 Plymouth Rd. **769–9800**

The restaurant in the North Campus Holiday Inn features music on Sat. & occasional Fri., 8 p.m.–midnight. If tickets are available in advance, they are sold at the restaurant. **Dec. 7: Root Doctor.** Lansing quintet led by vocalist Freddie Cunningham that plays a rich, varied blues and R&B repertoire that ranges from ZZ Hill to Billie Holiday to B.B. King to Bobby "Blue" Bland. **Dec. 14: The Terraplanes.** Local band led by singer-guitarist Jerry Mack that plays a mix of houserocking blues, uptown swing, soulful R&B, and roots rock. **Dec. 21: Lady Sunshine & the X Band.** Popular local gospel-flavored blues band led by Lady Sunshine, a fiery, rich-voiced singer whose style blends elements of Aretha Franklin, Koko Taylor, and Denise LaSalle. **Dec. 28:** No music. **Dec. 31: Laith Al-Saadi Trio.** An eclectic mix of roots Americana, classic rock, and blues, including many originals, by a jazz-tinged, jam-oriented trio led by local singer-guitarist Al-Saadi. With drummer Skeeto Valdez and bassist David Stearns.

The Habitat Lounge
3050 Jackson Rd. **665–3636**

The lounge at Weber's Inn features dance bands Tues.–Thurs. 8:45 p.m.–12:30 a.m. and Fri. & Sat. 8:45 p.m.–1:30 a.m., along with jazz Sun. 7–11 p.m. Also, a DJ Mon., 7 p.m.–midnight, and solo pianists Tues.–Sun., 6–8:45 p.m. Dancing, no cover. **Every Sun.: James Cornelison Quartet.** Jazz originals and standards by this U-M music student ensemble led by electric guitarist Cornelison. **Dec. 3–5: Acoustic Rewind.** 80s and 90s pop covers by this Detroit acoustic duo. **Dec. 6 & 7: Dr. Smith.** Detroit classic rock quintet. **Dec. 10–12: Scotty Alexander Duo.** Pop-rock covers by everyone from Elton John and Lionel Richie to Matchbox Twenty and Kings of Leon by this duo led by Brighton singer-pianist Alexander. **Dec. 13 & 14: The Front Men.** Detroit vintage-rock band. **Dec. 17–19: Slice.** East Lansing pop dance quartet. **Dec. 20 & 21: Chateau.** Veteran pop dance band. **Dec. 26: Darrin Meetze Duo.** Pop-rock hits from the 70s to the 90s by this local duo led by singer-guitarist Meetze. **Dec. 27: Dan Rafferty Band.** Popular 8-piece Detroit pop dance band. **Dec. 28: First Call.** Detroit R&B dance sextet. **Dec. 31: Phoenix Theory.** Detroit Top 40 dance band featuring members of Scoot Magoo and 50 Amp Fuse.

Kuroshio Japanese Restaurant
120 E. Liberty **929–2271**

This downtown restaurant features live jazz during Mon. happy hour, 7–9 p.m. No cover, no dancing. **Every Mon. Jonathan Taylor Quartet.** Local jazz ensemble featuring saxophonist Dan Bennett, pianist Ian Finkelstein, bassist Joe Fee, and drummer Jonathan Taylor, along with different guest musicians each week.

LIVE
102 S. First St. **623–1443**

This lounge features live music Fri. happy hour 6:30–9 p.m. and occasional evenings. Also, DJs, Mon. & Thurs.–Sat. 10 p.m.–2 a.m. No cover (except Fri. & Sat. after 11 p.m.), dancing. **Dec. 6: FUBAR.** 6-piece band led by guitarist Randy Tessier and featuring vocalist Sophia Hanifi. Their repertoire is an eclectic mix of originals by Hanifi and Tessier and covers of everyone from the Everly Brothers, the Kinks, and the Yardbirds to Miles Davis and Steve Earle. 6:30–9 p.m. **Dec. 11: The Dang Deluge.** Local psychedelic rock band. 7–11 p.m. **Dec. 13: The Shelter Dogs.** Local self-styled "lounge-a-billy" trio that plays vintage swing, rockabilly, and blues. With upright bassist Todd Perkins, guitarist Pete Bullard, and drummer Tom Twiss. 6:30–9 p.m. **Dec. 20: George Bedard & the Kingpins.** Superfine honky-tonk dance tunes from swing to vintage blues, country, rockabilly, and early rock 'n' roll classics, with some memorable originals penned by guitar genius Bedard. With drummer Rich Dishman and bassist Randy Tessier. Bedard's tasty 2011 all-instrumental CD, *Pickin' Apart the Past,* includes "Minor Swing '65," his surf-music adaptation of a Django Reinhardt tune, and he has a brand-new live CD, *Further On,* a collection of vintage and original blues that's highlighted by a show-stopping rendition of "Hawaiian Boogie." 6:30–9 p.m. **Dec. 27: Drivin' Sideways.** Veteran local band fueled by Pontiac Pete Ferguson's alternately soulful and ornery vocals. Their country-based repertoire still features lots of classic honky-tonk, but they also cover everyone from Chuck Berry and Johnny Burnette to the Beatles and James Brown. With guitarist George Bedard, bassist Pat Prouty, drummer Mark Newbound, and keyboardist Jim King. 6:30–9 p.m.

Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase
314 East Liberty AnnArbor
If you live to laugh, life is here

Keith Alberstadt
December 5 6 7

"Late Night" w/Fallon
"The Bob & Tom Show"
Sirius/XM Radio
National Lampoon "Sports Minute or So"
CNN Headline News' "Not Just Another Cable News Show

Tim Homayoon
December 12 13 14

MTV
NBC
Comedy Central
Wrote for
"Saturday Night Live's Weekend Update"

Nate Fridson
December 19 20 21

"Laughing Skull Comedy Festival"
"New York Comedy Contest"
A favorite at the Comedy Showcase
with his caustic yet thoughtful material.
Could be considered
politically incorrect

A Coup Comedy Debut!!! Mike Wilmot
December 26 27 28

"Rich Hall's Fishing Show"
"Rich Hall's Cattle Drive"
Australian TV "Good News Week"
Comedy Channel "Corner Gas"
British TV "Never Mind the Buzzcocks"
Canadian Comedy Awards "Best Male Stand-Up"
& "Best Actor"
"Ron White Comedy Salute to the Troops"
Recognized in Australia and England
as an "Outstanding Stand-Up Comic"
This is a "don't you dare miss this show" show.

New Year's Eve
Special Engagement
Jackie Flynn

Laugh in the last New Year
before we move with
Jackie Flynn - one of our
favorites from:
"The Three Stooges"
"King Pin"
"There's Something About Mary"
NBC's "King of Queens"
"Man Up Stand Up"
"Comics Come Home 2" and tons more!!!

SHOWTIMES
Wed. & Thurs. - 8pm
Wed. night is normally Open Mic Comedy Jamm
Fri. & Sat. - 8 & 10:30pm

Curious or Confused?
734-996-9080
www.aacomedy.com

$4 OFF
This coupon valid for $4 off
one general admission at the door.
Valid Thursday, Friday & Saturday's Late Show
Expires December 28, 2013
Excludes Special Engagements & Select Shows

Third
Homegrown
at the
Cobblestone

Handcrafted gifts
by local
Michigan artists

Cobblestone Farm
2781 Packard @ Buhr Park
2 Sundays
December 1
& Dec. 15
10 am to 5 pm

Hats
Woodcarving
Jewelry
Painting
Blown Glass
Photography
Greeting Cards
Pottery
Tamales by Pilar's

PLENTY OF FREE PARKING
hgcsartshow.com

Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library

PRISONERS OF THE WHITE HOUSE:
THE ISOLATION OF AMERICA'S PRESIDENTS AND THE CRISIS OF LEADERSHIP

KEN WALSH

Tuesday, December 3
7:30 p.m.

Ken Walsh, White House correspondent for U.S. News, will discuss the attempts by different Presidents to break from the isolation of the White House, which President Truman described as "the great white jail," and President Clinton called "the crown jewel of the federal penitentiary system."

FREE Admission • FREE Parking
Reception • Open Seating
Book Sales • Book Signing

Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library
1000 Beal Ave.
Ann Arbor, MI 48109
(734) 205-0555
www.fordlibrarymuseum.gov
At the corner of Beal Ave. and
Fuller opposite VA Hospital

Music at Nightspots

Mash
211 E. Washington **222–4095**

This lounge in the basement of the Blue Tractor tavern features live music Thurs.–Sat., and occasional other nights, 10 p.m.–2 a.m. Occasional weekend happy hour music, 6–9 p.m. DJs on Wed., 11 p.m.–1 a.m. Dancing, no cover. **Every Wed.: Open Mike Night.** All musicians invited. **Dec. 5: Billy Mack & the Juke Joint Johnnies.** Local roots-rock quartet, led by former Starlight Drifters singer-guitarist Mack, whose repertoire includes originals and rockabilly, early rock 'n' roll, western swing, and hillbilly bop covers. **Dec. 6: Abigail Stauffer.** Local singer-songwriter with a rich, resonant alto voice who's known for her piercing, emotionally direct pop-folk and pop-rock songs. She released her debut CD, *Alone to Dream,* in 2011, and she has just completed her sophomore effort. 6–9 p.m. **Dec. 6: The Canastas.** Local quintet that plays vintage jump blues, rockabilly, and rock 'n' roll. **Dec. 7: Mike Vial.** Howell pop-rock singer-songwriter. 6–9 p.m. **Dec. 7: The Chris Canas Blues Revolution.** Detroit blues band fronted by young blues vocalist and virtuoso guitarist Canas. **Dec. 12: The Whistle Stop Revue.** Port Huron acoustic folk-rock string trio whose music draws on a wide range of influences from blues and bluegrass to reggae and jazz. **Dec. 13: Matt Boylan.** Covers and originals by this local pop-folk singer-guitarist. 6–9 p.m. **Dec. 13: The Bluescasters.** Intense, low-down blues and blues-rock by this veteran local quartet. **Dec. 14: Mike Vial.** See above. 6–9 p.m. **Dec. 14: Nobody's Business.** Redford blues and blues-rock band. **Dec. 19: Laura Rain & the Caesars.** An intense fusion of funk, soul, and blues by this Detroit quintet fronted by vocalist Rain. **Dec. 20: The Wine Bar Duo.** Vintage Americana and contemporary songs of all sorts by the local duo of pianist Jacob Sayraf and vocalist and ukulele player William Bennett. 6–9 p.m. **Dec. 20: The Alligators.** Detroit R&B and blues band. **Dec. 21: Abigail Stauffer.** See above. 6–9 p.m. **Dec. 21: The Shelter Dogs.** See Live. **Dec. 26: Broken Arrow Blues Band.** Detroit-area blues band. **Dec. 27: Robert Johnson.** Solo acoustic folk and blues by this Northville singer-guitarist. 6–9 p.m. **Dec. 27: The Blues Owls.** Blues band led by singer–blues harpist Bob Bedard, a Dexter psychologist. **Dec. 28: Laura Rain.** Solo performance by this Detroit blues and soul singer. 6–9 p.m. **Dec. 28: Erich Goebel & The Flying Crowbars.** Detroit blues and blues-rock quartet led by singer-guitarist Goebel and featuring drummer RJ Spangler, bassist Chris Rummell, and pianist Shawn McDonald. **Dec. 31: Chris Canas Blues Revolution.** See above.

Melange Subterranean Bistro
314 S. Main **222–0202**

The lounge in this downtown restaurant features live music Thurs., 8–11 p.m. Also, DJs Fri. & Sat., 10 p.m.–2 a.m. Dancing, no cover. **Every Thurs.: Doug Horn Trio.** Classic jazz from the American songbook by this ensemble led by local alto saxophonist Horn. With various drop-in guests TBA.

The Necto
516 E. Liberty **994–5436**

This popular dance club features local and national DJs 6 nights a week, Mon.–Sat., 9 p.m.–2 a.m. Also, occasional live shows. Cover, dancing.

Old Town
122 W. Liberty **662–9291**

This downtown corner bar features live music Sun. & occasional other nights, 8–10 p.m. No dancing, no cover. The performers are usually accompanied by various drop-in friends. **Dec. 1: Cold Tone Harvest.** Plymouth acoustic roots music trio led by singer-songwriter Andrew Sigworth. **Dec. 8: Ypsitucky Colonels.** Local garage dance band whose music mixes country, blues, funk, and rock flavors. **Dec. 15: John Latini.** Acoustic rock-based originals by this popular veteran local rock 'n' roll singer-songwriter. He has a new CD, *Lovers, Liars & Losers.* **Dec. 22: Matt Jones & the Reconstruction.** Local band led by Jones, a popular pop-folk singer-songwriter whose latest CD, *Half Poison, Half Pure,* is a collection well-crafted, emotionally penetrating songs about dark times. **Dec. 29: Ben Balmer.** Acoustic indie rock singer-songwriter, an Ann Arbor native now living in Austin.

Oz's Music Environment
1920 Packard **662–8283**

This storefront next to Oz's music store features live music most Tues. 7:30–9:30 p.m. Cover by donation, no dancing. **Dec. 3: "Songwriters Open Mike."** All songwriters invited. Hosted by Jim Novak. **Dec. 17: "Ukulele Jam."** Musicians of all ability levels invited.

The Ravens Club
207 S. Main **214–0400**

This downtown bar & grill features live music, Wed. & Thurs. 9 p.m.–midnight and Sun. 8–11 p.m. No cover, no dancing. **Every Wed.: Ron Brooks Trio.** Mainstream bebop-rooted jazz by this trio led by veteran local bassist Brooks. With pianist Tad Weed and drummer George Davidson. **Every Thurs.: Alex Belhaj New Orleans Trio.** Local ensemble led by guitarist Belhaj that plays a range of New Orleans jazz styles, from struts, stomps, cakewalks, and rags to pop tunes, marches, and classical favorites. **Every Sun.: Heather Black Project.** Vintage jazz and blues by an ensemble led by Heather Schwartz, a talented local singer whose vocal style also reflects gospel, R&B, soul, and hip-hop influences.

Rush Street
314 S. Main **913–0330**

This martini lounge features nightly DJs, along with live music, Sun. 10 p.m.–2 a.m., and occasional other nights. Dancing, no cover. **Every Sun.: Legendary Wings.** Local jazz quintet that focuses on dynamic, challenging, and less commonly heard music from the modern jazz repertoire interspersed with free improvisation. The usual lineup features saxophonists Dan Bennett and Tim Haldeman, Fender Rhodes electric pianist Matt Endahl, bassist Jordan Schug, and drummer Nick Collins.

Silvio's Organic Pizza
715 North University **214–6666**

This campus-area restaurant features live music Thurs. & Sun. 6–8 p.m., Fri. 7–9 p.m., Sat. 7–8 p.m., and occasional other nights. Swing dancing to a DJ Wed. 11 p.m.–12:30 a.m. No cover, no dancing (except Wed.). **Every Thurs.: Neal Anderson Quintet.** Local jazz ensemble led by trumpeter Anderson. **Every Sat.: DaVinci.** Local composer-pianist, the winner of the 2010 U-M New Music on the Block competition, whose music ranges in style from classical and jazz to Argentine tango and Persian piano music. **Every Sun.: Will Mefford.** Improvisations on jazz standards by this local pianist. **Dec. 6: Bliss.** The local trio of singer-songwriter Laura Massaro, guitarist Craig Brann, and percussionist Don Allen performs an eclectic mix of pop, folk, and world music, including originals, covers, and improvisations. **Dec. 13: Nutshell.** Traditional Celtic music infused with influences from various other musical traditions by this Ann Arbor trio known for its rich and varied instrumental textures and stirring solo and harmony vocals. Instrumentation includes flute, whistle, bodhran, guitar, percussion, and sitar. **Dec. 20: Isosceles.** Versatile local acoustic trio that plays a mix of jazz, swing, country, pop, and folk. With vocalist Shekinah Errington, bassist Tim Berla, and guitarist Jim Cooney. **Dec. 27: J. Washburn Gardner.** Ypsilanti pop-folk singer-songwriter.

Tap Room
201 W. Michigan
Ypsilanti **482–5320**

This popular downtown Ypsilanti tavern features live music Thurs. 8 p.m.–midnight, & Sat. and occasional Fri. 9:30 p.m.–1:30 a.m. Also, DJ with Latin dance music, Wed. 9 p.m.–1 a.m. No cover, dancing. **Every Thurs.: Electric Open Mike.** Hosted by **The Martindales,** a local band led by singer-guitarist Brian Brickley that plays blues and rock covers and originals. All electric musicians invited. **Every Sat.:** TBA.

Vinology
110 S. Main **222–9841**

This wine bar and restaurant features live jazz, occasional Tues. 7–9 p.m. & Thurs. 9–11 p.m. No cover, no dancing (unless otherwise noted). **Dec. 12: Keith Kaminski Trio.** Local jazz ensemble led by saxophonist Kaminski. **Dec. 19: Brad McNett Trio.** Local jazz trio led by McNett, a vocalist who specializes in tunes from the Great American Songbook. **Dec. 26: Paul Keller Trio.** High-energy mainstream jazz by this local ensemble led by bassist Keller. **Dec. 31: "New Year's Eve Party."** With the **Ross Huff Trio,** a local jazz fusion ensemble led by Macpodz trumpeter Huff. With bassist Brennan Andes and drummer Sam Genson. In the downstairs Bubble Room. 10 p.m.–1 a.m.

Wolverine State Brewing Co.
2019 W. Stadium **369–2990**

This west side brewpub features live music, Tues. 8 p.m.–midnight & some weekends, 8:30 p.m.–12:15 a.m. Cover, dancing. **Dec. 3: Lindsay Lou & the Flatbellys.** Acclaimed Lansing swing-flavored bluegrass band led by singer-guitarist Lindsay Lou Rilko that recently released the CD *Release Your Shrouds.* **Dec. 7: Devil Elvis.** Ypsilanti punk-rockabilly Elvis tribute band. **Dec. 10: Lindsay Lou & the Flatbellys.** See above. **Dec. 14: Alan Harris Basement Jazz Collective.** Local jazz ensemble led by drummer Harris. **Dec. 17: Lindsay Lou & the Flatbellys.** See above. **Dec. 21: Family Winter Solstice Concert.** With **Kevin & the Glen Levens,** a local quartet whose eclectic repertoire ranges from traditional Irish music to rockabilly, bluegrass, novelty songs, and roots-rock originals. Also, a visit from Santa and an **ugly sweater contest.** All encouraged to bring a bag of nonperishable food to donate to Food Gatherers. 4–6 p.m. **Dec. 23: Festivus Celebration.** With a trivia contest and romping around the Festivus pole. 7–9 p.m. **Dec. 31: GFK Trio.** Funky, soulful organ-based jazz by this Detroit ensemble. With organist Scott Kulik, drummer Eric Fillip, and guitarist Dan Gruszka.

Woodruff's
36 E. Cross
Ypsilanti **483–2800**

This club in Ypsilanti's Depot Town features live music Tues. 8–10 p.m., Thurs. 10–11:15 p.m., and Wed., Fri., & Sat. 9:30 p.m.–2 a.m. Also, karaoke on Tues. 10 p.m.–1 a.m. Cover (except Tues.), dancing. **Every Tues.: "Acoustic Open Mike."** All acoustic musicians invited. Hosted by local singer-songwriter **Erik Santos. Every Thurs.:** TBA. **Dec. 4:** TBA. **Dec. 6: Anna Lee's Company.** Local blues- and funk-inflected folk-rock quintet whose influences range from the Band and Little Feat to Martin Medeski & Wood and Old Crow Medicine Show. Opening acts are **Captain Ivory** *(see review, p. 64),* an Ypsilanti rock 'n' roll quintet whose influences range from Muddy Waters to Led Zeppelin to Radiohead and Jack White, and **Hero, Jr.,** an Indianapolis-based postgrunge modern rock quartet. **Dec. 7: Nine Years Away.** Detroit punk-rock quartet. Opening acts are **Red Tape Riot,** a Detroit indie rock quartet, and **Up and Rising,** a Westland quartet that plays rock with a retropop feel. **Dec. 8: "Boylesque."** Drag show. 10 p.m.–2 a.m. **Dec. 11: Beyond and Back.** Ypsilanti metal quartet. Opening act is **Minus 9,** an Ypsilanti hardcore band. **Dec. 13: The Fever Haze.** Holland (MI) rock 'n' roll septet. Opening acts are the Battle Creek alternative rock trio **The Class Acts,** the Marshall indie rock 'n' roll trio **Dogs in Winter,** and the local alternative pop-rock quartet **Motel Model. Dec. 14: Danny Villa.** Member of the Ypsilanti hip-hop DJ collective Wax Kings. **Dec. 18:** TBA. **Dec. 20: Evening in Red.** Milan alternative rock trio. Opening acts are **The Flips,** a Chicago rock quintet, and **Good Day Good Sir,** Grand Rapids emo-rock trio. **Dec. 21: Cramp Us Deep.** A variation on the monthly Elbow Deep drag show and gay and lesbian dance night hosted by Maxi and Jennifer of the House of Chanel, with a DJ TBA. **Dec. 27–31: "Mittenfest."** 5-night showcase of 50 local and Michigan bands in a wide spectrum of genres. The scheduled bands include **Saturday Looks Good to Me, Frontier Ruckus, Matt Jones, Misty Lyn & the Big Beautiful, Timothy Monger State Park, Patrick Elkins, Bad Indians, Champions of Breakfast,** and many more. Daily lineups available at mittenfest.org. A benefit for the nonprofit youth tutoring and writing center 826michigan. $10 per night. 7 p.m.–2 a.m.

World of Beer
1300 South University **913–2430**

This campus-area bar & grill features live music Thurs.–Sat. 9 p.m.–1 a.m. Dancing, no cover. **Dec. 5:** TBA. **Dec. 6: Logan White Duo.** Duo led by local pop-folk singer-guitarist White. **Dec. 7: Jay Fry.** Local rock 'n' roll singer-songwriter and guitarist. **Dec. 12: Michael Bush Band.** High-energy pop covers by this local band. **Dec. 13: Jennifer Westwood Duo.** Duo led by this versatile Detroit singer-songwriter who fronts the retro outlaw honky-tonk band Waycross Georgia Farmboys. **Dec. 14: Joben.** Pop covers by this local acoustic band. **Dec. 19: Steve Taylor Three.** Acoustic trio led by Lake Orion Americana singer-songwriter Taylor. **Dec. 20: Sarah Sherrard Band.** Detroit pop-rock band led by singer-songwriter Sherrard. **Dec. 21:** TBA. **Dec. 26: Michael Bush Band.** High-energy pop covers by this local band. **Dec. 27: The Takeaways.** Local band led by Shaun Garth Walker, a singer-guitarist with an eclectic, wide-ranging repertoire. **Dec. 28: Dan Mazur.** Pop and rock covers by a duo led by this Dearborn singer-guitarist.

Zal Gaz Grotto
2070 W. Stadium **663–1202**

This Masonic social and service club hosts live music Sun. 5–8 p.m., Mon. 7:30–10:15 p.m., Tues. 5:30–8:30 p.m., & occasional other nights. Cover, dancing. **Every Sun.: Phil Ogilvie's Rhythm Kings.** This local 10-piece big band is one of the few to specialize in the old-time big-band music of the late 1920s and early 1930s associated with Jelly Roll Morton and King Oliver. Arrangements by the renowned early-jazz pianist James Dapogny and tubaist Chris Smith. **Every Mon.: Paul Keller Orchestra.** Award-winning 15-piece big band led by bassist Keller and featuring vocalist Sarah D'Angelo and occasional guest vocalists. Also, each week features a middle set by a guest student ensemble. **Every Tues.: Paul Klinger's Easy Street Jazz Band.** Dixieland and swing by this local ensemble led by saxophonist and trumpeter Klinger.

December Events

FILMS

77 **Film Screenings**
John Hinchey & Katie Whitney

GALLERIES

69 **Exhibit Openings**
Katie Whitney

Seeing Language
Stephanie Douglass

MUSIC AT NIGHTSPOTS

64 **Nightspots**
John Hinchey

Captain Ivory
Chris Berggren

The Chicago Afrobeat Project performs its blend of afrobeat, Afro-Cuban music, funk, jazz, juju music, and rock at the Yellow Barn Dec. 5.

EVENTS REVIEWS

71 **Proudly Humble**
Poetry in Michigan/Michigan in Poetry
Keith Taylor

72 **Kiana June Weber**
Formidable talent
James M. Manheim

75 **Dr. Porter Synchronized Skating Classic**
How did they do that?
Frances Kai-Hwa Wang

79 **TubaChristmas**
Warmly enveloping
Stephen Eddins

We want to know about your event!

Please send a press release (no phone calls, please).

- **By email:** events@aaobserver.com
- **By phone:** 769–3175
- **By mail:** Katie Whitney, Calendar Editor, Ann Arbor Observer, 2390 Winewood, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103
- **By fax:** 769–3375
- **After-hours drop box:** left side of the Observer's front door facing Winewood

What gets in?
We give priority to Ann Arbor events. Always include a contact person's telephone number. Please try to submit materials as early as possible; items submitted after the deadline (the tenth day of the preceding month) might not get in.

Next month's deadline:
All appropriate materials received by the tenth day of the month for the upcoming month will be used as space permits; materials submitted later might not get in (but will be added to annarborobserver.com).

★ *Denotes a free event.*

annarborobserver.com:
An expanded, continually updated version of this calendar is available at **annarborobserver.com.** This calendar is updated daily. If you have an event not listed in the print calendar, or want to update a listed event, please send it and we'll post it on annarborobserver.com.

arbormail:
Get your alerts by email—send a reminder when your favorite performer, group, or special event shows up in town. Sign up at annarborobserver.com/arbormail_help.html.

WARNING!

To save space, many recurrent events are noted only the first time they occur. This includes many weekly and biweekly events. To find a full list of events for the last Wednesday in the month, for example, readers should also check earlier Wednesday listings, especially the first Wednesday.

www.annarborobserver.com

1 SUNDAY

★**"The Essence of Tibetan Buddhism": Jewel Heart Buddhist Center.** *Every Sun.* Talk by **Gelek Rimpoche,** an incarnate lama from Tibet who lives in Ann Arbor. *10–11 a.m., Jewel Heart Center, 1129 Oak Valley Dr. (between Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. & Ellsworth). Free. 994–3387.*

2013 Train Show: Rails on Wheels. Display and sale of vintage and modern model trains and equipment. Also, a realistic giant layout, a kids track, and a Lego train display. *10 a.m.–4 p.m., Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd., Saline. Admission $4 (children age 11 & under, free with an adult). 994–9872.*

3rd Annual Holiday Arts & Craft Show: Aprill Wellness Center. Show and sale of blown glass, paintings, crafts, jewelry, body care products, homemade herbal teas, and more. Also, craft demos and snacks. Gift wrapping available. Partial proceeds benefit Grass Lake Sanctuary. *10 a.m.–3 p.m., Aprill Wellness Center, 107 Aprill Dr. Free admission. (810) 208–1417.*

★**Mature Singles: First Presbyterian Church.** *Every Sun.* A weekly program open to all single adults interested in contemporary Christian topics, new ideas, personal growth, and social and physical activities. *Dec. 1:* Screening of volume 3 of *The Long Search,* Ronald Eyre's 1977 BBC film series on world religions. In this episode Eyre visits India and Sri Lanka to learn about the Theravada Buddhism practiced in southeast Asia. *Dec. 8 & 15:* Central Seminary (Ann Arbor) religion professor Waldemar Schmeichel presents talks on **"The Theology of Christmas Hymns."** *Dec. 22:* All invited to bring a dish to pass for a **festive Christmas potluck.** *Dec. 29:* All invited for **conversation.** *11 a.m., First Presbyterian Monteith Hall (Dec. 8 & 15) and Curtis Room (Dec. 1, 22, & 29), 1432 Washtenaw. Free. 662–4466, ext. 43.*

★**"Wonderful and Unusual Gifts": Nature's Expressions.** *Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, 7, & 8.* Show and sale of crystalline mineral specimens, fossils, shells, mounted butterflies and insects, and more. *11 a.m.–5 p.m., 3443 Daleview Dr. (off N. Maple Rd. north of Huron River Dr.). Free admission. 994–3048.*

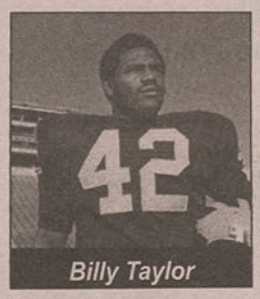
★**H.A.C. Ultimate.** *Every Sun.* All invited to a relaxed pickup game of this spirited team sport played with a flying disc. *Note:* Overly competitive players are politely asked to leave. *11:15 a.m., Mitchell*

AnnArborObserver.com
Ann Arbor online
Better than ever.

aadl.org

december 2013 highlights

Ann Arbor District Library



Billy Taylor

Rob Crozier

RoseLynn Katz

December 4

December 10

Mary Stewart Adams

December 17

Events will take place in the Downtown Library Multi-Purpose Room, unless otherwise noted.

Sunday 1:00 - 3:00 pm — **1** — **Comic Artists Forum: Artist Ted Woods** • The creator of ***The Book of Love*** discusses the influences that have helped him develop his own style • DT 4TH FL MEETING ROOM • GRADE 6 - ADULT

Monday 6:30 - 8:30 pm — **2** — FILM & DISCUSSION • ***Perseverance: The Story of Dr. Billy Taylor*** The inspiring film of UM's **Billy Taylor** followed by a discussion led by Billy and producer **Dan Chace** • DT 4TH FL MEETING ROOM

Monday 7:00 - 8:00 pm — **2** — CONCERT • **An Evening of Winter Jazz: The Rob Crozier Trio** with guest appearance by flutist/vocalist **Kelly McDermott**

Tuesday 7:00 - 8:30 pm — **3** — ***For You My Door Is Aways Open*, The One-Woman Show On Golda Meir** • Ann Arbor welcomes back **RoseLynn Katz** for her acclaimed one-woman show

Wednesday 7:00 - 8:30 pm — **4** — DIA EXHIBIT LECTURE • ***Watch Me Move: The Animation Show*** Detroit Institute of Arts Docent **Ken Szmigiel** presents a fascinating look at the most extensive animation exhibit ever mounted

Thursday 7:00 - 8:30 pm — **5** — **Fancy Boxes: Crafting with Gold, Copper & Silver Leaf** Create a beautiful, metallic box for gift giving or to have as a keepsake • TRAVERWOOD BRANCH • GRADE 6 - ADULT

Saturday 2:00 - 4:00 pm — **7** — **NaNoWriMo: You Wrote A Novel, *Now What?*** Michigan author **D.E. Johnson** offers tips on revision and how to get your novel published. All aspiring authors are welcome! TRAVERWOOD BRANCH • GRADE 9 - ADULT

Sunday 2:00 - 4:30 pm — **8** — **Writing a Short Horror Story with Three Corpse Circus!** **Three Corpse Circus Film Festival** staff and the **Great Lakes Association of Horror Writers** give tips and screen film shorts at this writing workshop • MALLETTS CREEK BRANCH • GRADE 6 - ADULT

Monday 4:30 - 6:30 pm — **9** — UMS BOOK DISCUSSION FOR TEACHERS • Matthew B. Crawford's ***Shop Class As Soulcraft: An Inquiry into the Value of Work*** REGISTRATION REQUIRED: CALL UMS AT (734) 615-0122 OR VISIT UMS.ORG

Tuesday 7:00 - 8:30 pm — **10** — OSCAR-NOMINATED DOCUMENTARY • ***5 Broken Cameras*** (NOT RATED) First-hand account of life and non-violent resistance in the West Bank village of Bil'in • DT 4TH FL MEETING ROOM

Thursday 7:00 - 8:30 pm — **12** — **Beyond the Telescope: A Storyteller's Guide to the Night Sky** • Star lore historian **Mary Stewart Adams** presents an engaging evening of night sky star lore in conjunction with the Downtown AADL exhibit, on display December 2 - January 14

Saturday 1:00 - 2:00 pm — **14** — CONCERT • **Classical Bells** • Michigan's premier handbell ensemble returns for this popular annual event • ALL AGES

Sunday 12:30 - 2:30 pm OR 3:30 - 5:30 pm — **15** — **Mosaic Jewelry Workshop** • Create a unique glass mosaic pendant necklace with **Shannon Kuchera** of Mosaic Geek GRADE 6 - ADULT

Tuesday 7:00 - 8:30 pm — **17** — **Author Dave Taylor Discusses His Book, *Legends of Michigan: Cliff Keen***

Thursday 7:00 - 8:30 pm — **19** — **Native American Dreamcatchers Workshop** • Make a dreamcatcher out of feathers, string, beads and branches with local artist **Dawn Henry** • TRAVERWOOD BRANCH • GRADE 6 - ADULT

Saturday 1:00 - 5:00 pm — **21** — **Starship Battle League: Demo Day** • An informational meeting for an all-new event series! Bring or split into six-person teams, test the new Spaceship Bridge Simulator, and discuss the 2014 AADL Starship Battle League! • DT 3RD FL FREESPACE • GRADE 9 - ADULT

For more information: 327.4555 or aadl.org

Field (Fuller Rd.) or just west of Fuller pool. Free. hac-ultimatelist@googlegroups.com, 846–9418.

U-M Natural History Museum Planetarium. *Every Sat. & Sun. (except Dec. 7) and Dec. 27.* Three different audiovisual planetarium shows. ***The Sky Tonight*** (Sat. & Dec. 27 11:30 a.m., Sat. & Sun. & Dec. 27 1:30 p.m., Sat. & Sun. 3:30 p.m.) is an exploration of the current night sky. ***Season of Light*** (Sat. & Sun. and Dec. 27, 12:30 p.m.) is an audiovisual show that explores how telescopes work and what they can do. ***Impact Earth*** (Sat. & Sun. 2:30 p.m.) is an audiovisual show, narrated by astronaut Tom Jones, about meteors, meteorites, asteroids, and comets and the dangers they can pose to life on Earth. *Note: Impact Earth* is shown several times on Dec. 7 as part of **"Comet Discovery Day"** (see listing). *Various times, U-M Natural History Museum, 1109 Geddes at North University. $5. 764–0478.*

★Ann Arbor Go Club. *Every Sun. & Thurs.* Players of all skill levels invited to play what's regarded as the world's most difficult board game. No partner necessary. Boards and stones provided. *1–6 p.m. (Sun.) & 7 p.m.–midnight (Thurs.), Espresso Royale, 322 S. State. Free. umich.edu/~goclub.*

Magic: The Gathering Tournament: Get Your Game On. *Every Sun. & Tues.–Fri., except Dec. 24, 25, & 31.* All invited to compete in tournaments of this popular collectible card game using standard constructed (Fri.), modern constructed (Thurs.), Elder Dragon Highlander (Tues.), Legacy (Wed.), and booster draft (Sun.) decks. Prizes. Bring your own cards (except Sun.). *1 p.m. (Sun.) & 6 p.m. (Tues.–Fri.), Get Your Game On, 310 S. State. $5 (Tues., free; Sun., $15 includes cards). 786–3746.*

Contact Improv. *Every Sun.* All invited to try this interactive, free-form dance style that involves a rolling point of contact between two or more people through which dancers give and share weight. It is somewhere between tango, modern dance, aikido, wrestling, gymnastics, and none of the above, and usually takes place without music. People do contact improv in any combination of genders, and there are no steps. No partner required; beginners welcome. Followed by discussion and socializing. *1–3 p.m., Phoenix Center, 200 S. Main (above Elmo's). $5–$10 sliding scale based on ability to pay. 604–4416.*

★"Engaging with Art": UMMA. *Every Sun. except Dec. 29.* Docents lead tours of the UMMA collection, with themes based on their interests. Special themes include an **"Introduction to the Museum"** (Dec. 8) and **"A Political Connection"** (Dec. 15). *1 p.m. UMMA, 525 S. State. Free. 764–0395.*

Gemini: The Ark. Family concert by this popular acoustic duo that has built a strong following among kids and adults throughout the Great Lakes area. Twin brothers Sandor and Laszlo Slomovits offer sing-alongs, folk songs from around the world, and upbeat originals about life's simple pleasures, all performed with a boisterous sense of fun on more than a dozen instruments. The twins are joined by their **Good Mischief Band**—pianist Brian Brill, percussionist Aron Kauffman, and San's 19-year-old daughter, fiddler Emily Rose Slomovits. A portion of the proceeds go to the neonatal intensive care unit at the U-M Mott Children's Hospital, where Emily was born. *1 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets $10 in advance at the Michigan Union Ticket Office (mutotix.com) and theark.org, and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763–TKTS.*

★"Comic Artists Forum": Ann Arbor District Library. Ypsilanti comics artist **Ted Woods,** creator of the comic *The Book of Love,* discusses the artists who have influenced him and the different ways he's melded their styles into his own. Participants also work on their own comics; materials provided, but you are welcome to bring your own artwork. For adults and teens in grade 6 & up. *1–3 p.m., AADL multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327–8301.*

PhoenixPhest Marathon Concert: The Phoenix Ensemble (Kerrytown Concert House). *Nov. 30 & Dec. 1 (different programs).* Nineteen hours of performances by local student and professional musicians. *Dec. 1:* violinists Lena & Daniel Hathaway (1:30 p.m.), violinist Sierra Farrar & cellist Rodney Farrar (2 p.m.), performers from the Kaleidoscope Strings Violin Studio (2:45 p.m.), student performers from EMU's American String Teacher Association (6:30 p.m.), and another performer TBA. The headliner concert (4 p.m.) features violinist **Gabe Bolkosky** and pianist **Joel Hastings** performing Mozart's *Mannheim Sonatas. 1–8 p.m., KCH, 415 N. Fourth Ave. $50 full marathon (all headliners included), $30 single headliner concert, $10 general admission (no headliners). Reservations recommended. 769–2999.*

★"Kerry Tales: Light a Candle with Mother Goose": Kerrytown Shops. 30-minute family-oriented program of rhymes, riddles, and stories with local storyteller Trudy Bulkley as Mother Goose. *2 p.m., Hollander's, 410 N. Fourth Ave. (Kerrytown). Free. 769–3115.*

Seeing Language

Non-Text: *an exhibition of text as image*

EMU's current art exhibit, *Non-Text,* features an astonishing variety of works by sixteen local and national artists who employ text and type in nontraditional ways. In paintings, drawings, sculptures, and animation, letters and words have been liberated from the flat, prim lines of written language and introduced into striking, non-syntactic contexts. (Curators Brian Spolans and Leslie Atzmon created the title by wedding the words *nonsense* and *context.*) The works on display defy a quick read, resist effortless comprehension. The exhibit presents us with a broad exploration into the aesthetic qualities of text and how it can be used to communicate visually, rather than semantically.

In a few of the works, letters of the alphabet have been combined, ordered, and stacked—like the basic building blocks that they are—to create images and structures. "Disfrutelos" (1977), by Susan Bee and Charles Bernstein, is a series of pictures composed of typed letters, symbols, and punctuation marks. With their evocative abstractions and deft balance of spare language and white space, the pictures reminded me of poems. Justin Quinn's gesso and collage print "Idle Tower" (2011) is a shadowy urban landscape of buildings constructed from the sturdy, brick-shaped capital letter "E." And typography combines with masonry in

ENYA MORAN

Jim Stevens and Ryan Molloy's "writing wall" (2013), a large wall built from lettered concrete blocks. According to the artists' statement, these blocks were cast from foam molds cut by a suitcase CNC (computer numeric controlled) milling machine; the artists compare the wall's fabrication to the composition of a paragraph. The letters on each block proved difficult for me to decipher, however—the type does not use curved lines, only straight—so I stood before the wall, awed but illiterate.

Order gives way to chaos in John Adelman's "Fardel" (2008), a multilayered stenciling of words and definitions from the 1979 *Webster's Encyclopedic Unabridged Dictionary.* Systematically overlapped and woven together to form a fabric of letters, the words are almost completely unintelligible. After spending several minutes trying to tease out distinct words, I gave up and gave in to the mesmerizing richness of the work's accumulated language.

Words are destined for obscurity in Christopher Baker's notable installation "It's Been a While Since I Last Wrote" (2008), in which a wall-mounted thermal printer generates the title statement (which is also the first sentence of every LiveJournal blog post I ever wrote) in a casual, handwritten scrawl on receipt paper. The paper travels through two subsequent thermal printers, which proceed to black out the sentence. The process suggests the brief and disembodied lives of digital communications: how a blog post, tweet, status update, or news headline hovers before our awareness for only a few seconds before it is replaced by something else. This installation and so many other works in the exhibit disrupt this incessant stream of content by providing new and unexpected contexts for us to encounter and engage with language.

Non-Text is on display at the EMU University Gallery through December 11. Leave your reading glasses at home.

—Stephanie Douglass

New exhibits this month:

Ann Arbor Art Center, 117 W. Liberty. *Ann Arbor Painted* (through Dec. 22). Forty-five paintings of iconic Ann Arbor scenes by Michigan artists. Mon.–Sat. 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun. noon–5 p.m. 994–8004.

Ann Arbor District Library, *Downtown Branch* (343 S. Fifth Ave.): *"And It Was Just Right": Food and Cooking in Children's Literature* (Dec. 3–Jan. 12). Exhibit of books from the U-M Special Collections Library that explores the roles food plays in children's literature and the ways books on food address children. *Fairy Tale Moons: Watercolor Illustrations by Mary Stewart Adams and Patricia DeLisa* (Dec. 3–Jan. 12). *2014 AIA Huron Valley Honor Awards: The Huron Valley Chapter of the American Institute of Architects* (Dec. 3–Jan. 12). Photographs of thirty architecture projects selected for their aesthetic, functional, and technical merits. ***Malletts Creek Branch*** (3090 E. Eisenhower): *Around My Table: Paintings by Marcelle Gray* (Dec. 17–Jan. 30). Mon. 10 a.m.–9 p.m., Tues.–Fri. 9 a.m.–9 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun. noon–6 p.m. 327–4555.

Dancing Dog Gallery, 302 E. Liberty. *Making a Splash* (Nov. 27–Jan. 11). Intense, gestural works by painter and photographer Sophie Grillet. Reception Dec. 6, 7–10 p.m. Also, show and sale of photography, paintings, pastels, mixed-media works, 3-D works, prints, and cards by the 8 cofounders of this new gallery. "Art Lovers' Singles' Mingle" (Dec. 12, 7-9 p.m.), a singles reception with music, refreshments, and more. Wed. & Thurs. noon–6 p.m., Fri. & Sat. noon–10 p.m., Sun. noon–5 p.m. 631–6565.

EMU University Art Gallery, 900 Oakwood, Ypsilanti. *Non-Text* (through Dec. 11). *See review, above.* Exhibit that calls into question the Western cultural assumption that textual content is necessarily the primary and most efficient communication medium. Works use text, typography, or writing to create aesthetic forms that express nonverbal meanings. Mon. & Thurs. 10 a.m.–5 p.m.; Tues. & Wed. 10 a.m.–7 p.m., Fri. & Sat. 10 a.m.–2 p.m. 487–1268.

Gallery 55+, U-M Turner Senior Resource Center, 2401 Plymouth Rd. *Angie Nagle Miller* (through Feb. 7). Acrylic and casein paintings by this local artist. Mon.–Fri. 9 a.m.–5 p.m. 998–9353.

Gifts of Art (U-M Hospitals), *Main Hospital:* *Fusion & Separation: Mixed Media on Panel by Mary Rousseaux; Florilegium: Color Photography by Kim Kauffman; Back Home in Earth's Garden: Clay & Fibers by Susan Sutherland Barnes* (all exhibits run Dec. 16–Feb. 3). ***Taubman Center:*** *Snowflake Paper Cuttings by Thomas L. Clark; Textures & Patterns: Ceramics by Mary Ellen Taylor; Snap Line on Detroit: Ink on Rag Paper by Margi Weir; Migration: Paper, Graphite, & Collage by Yoriko Hirose Cronin* (all exhibits run Dec. 16–Feb. 3). ***Cancer Center:*** *Lightscapes: Photographs of the American West by Kim Kozlowski* (Dec. 16–Apr. 7). Daily 8 a.m.–8 p.m. (except Cancer Center, Mon.–Fri. 8 a.m.–5 p.m.). 936–ARTS.

Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave. *Our Hometown* (Dec. 4–Jan. 1). Photographs of Ann Arbor by beginning film photography students from Community High School. Mon.–Fri. 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m., by appointment, and during evening concerts. 769–2999.

Museum on Main Street, 500 N. Main. *The Dinnerware Museum: Three Courses* (opens Dec. 6). Exhibit of historic and hot-out-of-the-kiln dinnerware. Sat. & Sun. noon–4 p.m. and by appointment. 662–9092.

Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron, Ypsilanti. *2013 Teen Arts Festival* (Dec. 6–15). Juried exhibit of works by students in all of the high schools in Washtenaw County. Sponsored by Teen Center Without Walls. Opening reception Dec. 6, 4–8 p.m. Closing reception with awards Dec. 15, 3–5 p.m. Thurs.–Sat. 3–8 p.m., Sun. 1:30–4 p.m. 480–2787.

U-M Museum of Art (UMMA), 525 S. State. *Three Michigan Architects: Part 1—David Osler* (Dec. 7–Apr. 13). This first in a series of 3 exhibits highlights 8 domestic projects of Ann Arbor native Osler over the course of his 4-decade–long career. Tues.–Sat. 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Sun. noon–5 p.m. 763–UMMA.

WSG Gallery, 306 S. Main. *The WSG Holiday Show* (Dec. 3–Jan. 4). Works by members and invited artists. Reception Dec. 6, 7 p.m.–late evening. Tues. & Wed. noon–6 p.m., Thurs. noon–9 p.m., Fri. & Sat. noon–10 p.m., Sun. noon–5 p.m. 761–2287.

★**"Grinch Day": Barnes & Noble.** All kids invited for a storytelling program and Grinch-themed activities. Participants get a "Grow Your Heart" chart to track their good deeds. *2 p.m., Barnes & Noble, 3235 Washtenaw. Free. Preregistration required. 973–0846.*

Square Dance: Ann Arbor Community of Traditional Music and Dance. Marlin Whitaker and others call to music by the Stout Hearted String Band. Beginners welcome. No partner necessary. Wear clean, nonmarking shoes. *2–5 p.m., Concourse Hall, 4531 Concourse Dr. (off S. State across from the airport). $8 (students, $5). 994–6494.*

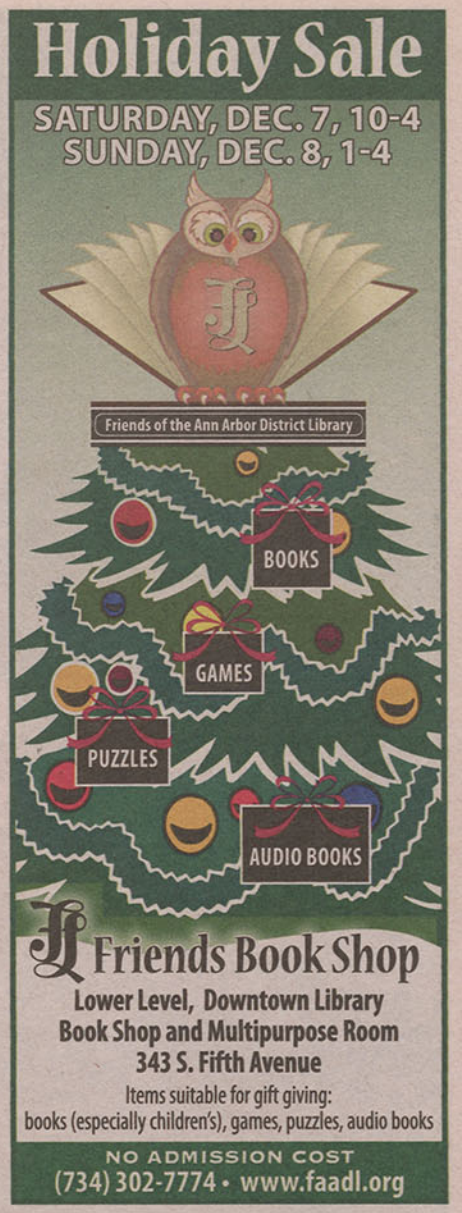
★**"Brett Weston Landscapes": UMMA.** Docent-led tour of the current exhibit of works by this iconic 20th-century photographer. *2 p.m., UMMA, 525 S. State. Free. 764–0395.*

★**Dinosaur Tours: U-M Natural History Museum.** *Every Sat. & Sun.* 30-minute docent-led tour of the museum's dinosaur exhibits. *2 p.m., U-M Natural History Museum, 1109 Geddes at North University. Free, but limited to the first 15 people to sign up for each tour. 764–0478.*

"Jerry's Girls": Performance Network Professional Season. *Every Thurs.–Sun. (except Nov. 28), through Jan. 5, and Nov. 27.* Carla Milarch directs Jerry Herman and Larry Alford's Tony-winning 1985 musical, a cabaret-style revue with large-scale production numbers, tap dancing, and a bit of drag showcasing songs from Herman's musicals, including *Hello Dolly!, Mame, La Cage aux Folles, Mack and Mabel,* and others. Stars Naz Edwards. *2 p.m. (Sun.), 7:30 p.m. (Thurs. & Nov. 27), 8 p.m. (Fri. & Sat.), & 3 p.m. (Nov. 30 & Dec. 14), Performance Network, 120 E. Huron. $27 & $29 (Thurs.), $34 & $36 (Fri. & Sun.), $27 & $29 (Sat. matinee), $39 & $41 (Sat. eve.). $3 discount for seniors age 60 & over. Tickets available in advance at performancenetwork.org & by phone, and at the door. $10 student discount in advance, half-price student tickets at the door only. For reservations, call 663–0681; to charge by phone, call 663–0696.*

"The Vast Difference": Purple Rose Theatre Company. *Every Wed.–Sun. through Dec. 14.* Guy Sanville directs local actors in a revival of Jeff Daniels' acclaimed 1993 comedy about a Midwestern flight attendant who is having a midlife crisis complicated by memories of his dead father and the fact that his wife wants him to have a vasectomy. Cast: Richard McWilliams, Stephanie Buck, David Bendena, Michael Brian Ogden, Drew Parker, Rusty Mewha, Nathan Eyde, and Rhiannon Ragland. *2 p.m. (Sun.), 8 p.m. (Wed.–Sat.), & 3 p.m. (Wed. & Sat.), Purple Rose Theatre, 137 Park St., Chelsea. Tickets $27 (Wed. & Thurs.), $37 (Fri. eves. & weekend matinees), & $42 (Sat. eves.) in advance at purplerosetheatre.org, and by phone. 433–7673.*

Heywood Banks: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. *Nov. 29 & 30 and Dec 1.* Heywood Banks is the stage name of Howell native Stuart Mitchell, a very animated comedian known for his silly musical spoofs, goofy prop humor, and sight gags. Since adopting the nerdy, quietly psychotic Banks persona in the mid-80s, he has risen from a regional favorite to a national star. A longtime local favorite—he even played a few shows at Rick's American Cafe in the pre-Comedy Showcase days—he is making his 13th annual Thanksgiving weekend appearance. *Note:* The 7 p.m. show on Nov. 29 and the Dec. 1 matinee



RANDAZZO DANCE COMPANY
ARTISTIC DIRECTOR SARA RANDAZZO
presents
the world premier performance of
CLARA & THE Nut
A NEW TWIST ON THE HOLIDAY CLASSIC
ABOUT A GIRL AND HER LOVE OF DANCE
Friday Dec 20, 7:30pm
Saturday Dec 21, 7:30pm
with special family event beginning at 6pm
Dancing with Stars of Clara & the Nut
Sunday Dec 22, 2pm
$15 Child/Student/Senior
$20 Adult tickets available at:
randazzodancecompany.com
Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre
911 N. University, Ann Arbor

DECEMBER

7–8

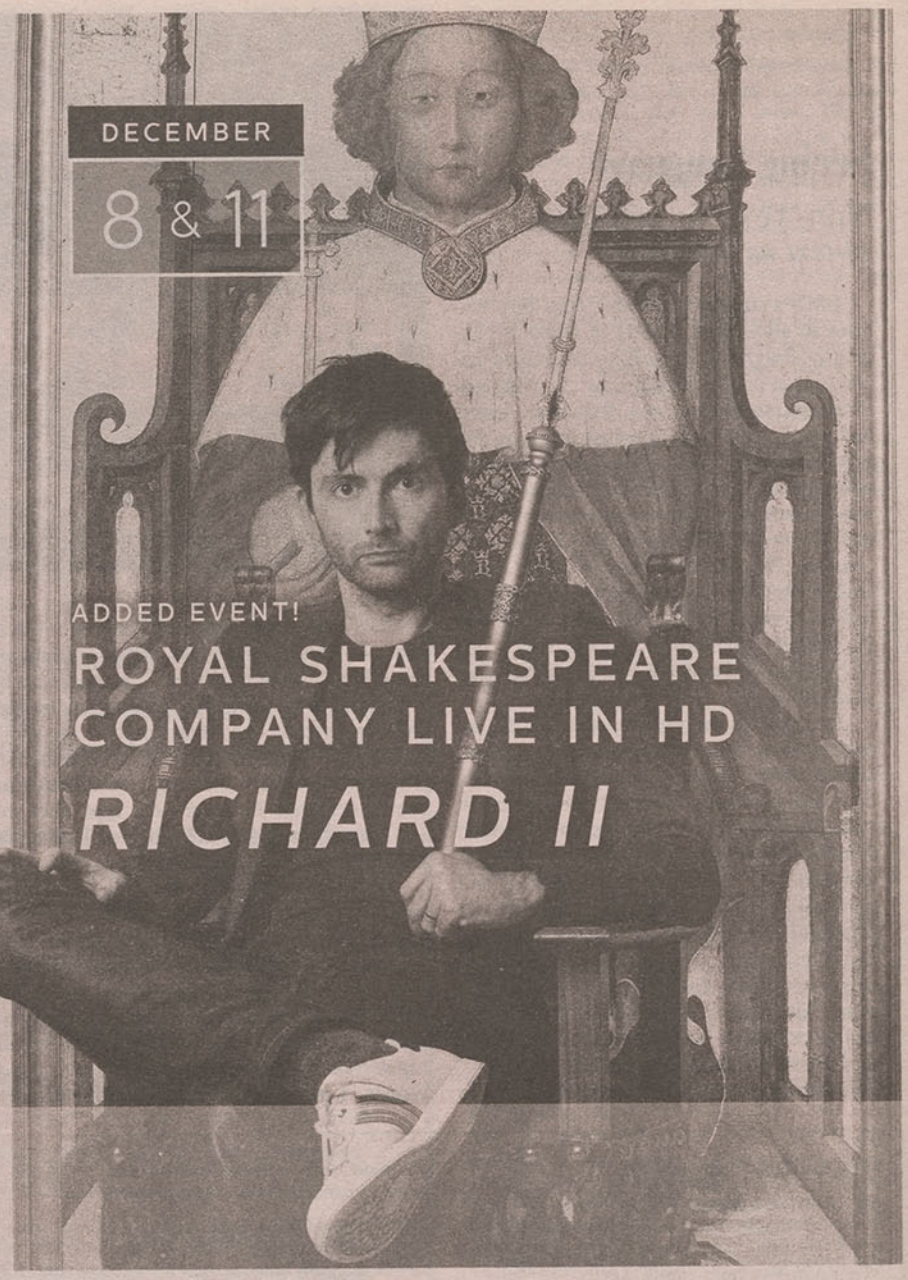
HANDEL'S *MESSIAH*

Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra
UMS Choral Union
Jerry Blackstone, conductor
Brenda Rae, soprano
David Trudgen, countertenor
Benjamin Butterfield, tenor
Timothy Mix, baritone
Edward Parmentier, harpsichord
Saturday, December 7, 8 pm
Sunday, December 8, 2 pm
Hill Auditorium

The holiday season in Ann Arbor is never officially under way until Handel's *Messiah* is performed at Hill Auditorium. An eagerly anticipated holiday season tradition, these performances are ultimately the heart and soul of UMS, connecting audiences not only with the talented people on stage but also with the friends and family who attend each year. In a true community tradition, the performance features the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra, the 175 voices of the Grammy Award-winning UMS Choral Union (2006 "Best Choral Performance"), and conductor Jerry Blackstone.

SUPPORTED BY
Carl and Isabelle Brauer Fund

MEDIA PARTNER
Ann Arbor's 107one and **Michigan Radio 91.7 FM**



DECEMBER

8 & 11

ADDED EVENT!

ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY LIVE IN HD

RICHARD II

Directed by Gregory Doran
Starring David Tennant
Sunday, December 8, 7 pm
Wednesday, December 11, 7 pm
Michigan Theater

This first-ever cinema broadcast from the stage of the RSC features David Tennant in the title role of *Richard II*, the fastest selling show in the RSC's history and the first of Shakespeare's four plays about the House of Lancaster. Richard is King, but he is also a man of very human weakness, a man whose vanity threatens to divide the great houses of England and drag his people into a dynastic civil war that will last 100 years.

ums
BE PRESENT

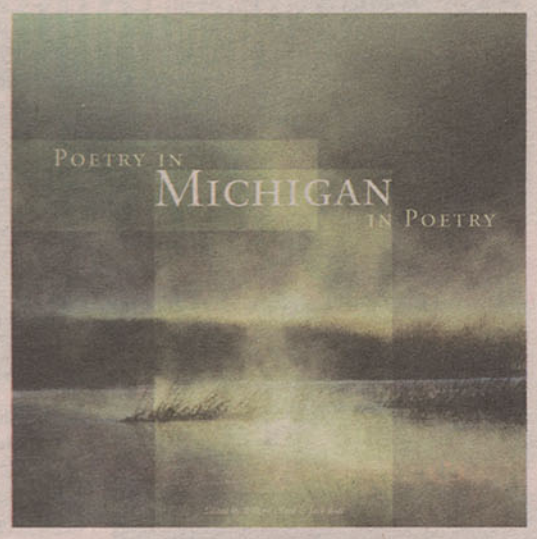
TICKETS ON SALE NOW
UMS.ORG / 734.764.2538
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN | ANN ARBOR

12+
AGES

poetry

Proudly humble

Poetry in Michigan/ Michigan in Poetry



Regional poetry anthologies, like the beautifully produced new collection just issued by Western Michigan University's New Issues Press and edited by essential Michigan poets William Olsen and Jack Ridl, are meant for a limited audience. And, like this one, they are often intended to raise some money. (In this case, the hope is they'll help New Issues continue its good work publishing contemporary poetry.) But don't be put off. Any reader who's even occasionally curious about how poets and painters respond to the places we share will not be disappointed.

In the interest of full disclosure, I must confess that the Observer has some connection to this collection: I have a poem in it, and Steve Gilzow, who has painted seventeen covers and written about as many articles for the magazine over the years, has a beautiful watercolor included. Other Ann Arborites—poets like Laura Kasischke, Linda Gregerson, Josie Kearns, and Alison Swan; artists like Steve Coron, Karen Wagner Coron, and Patrick Young—are well represented. There is a haunting photograph by Martha Ceccio of the Huron River looking mysterious, even mystical, on the cover.

In his introduction, Jim Daniels quotes novelist Richard Price, who "once said that where you're from is '… the zip code for your heart.'" That seems right to me. So what larger understanding does this book offer of our place? Daniels goes on: "… what strikes me about so many of these poems is their humility—humility in the face of extreme weather, hard winters; humility in the face of economic hardship; humility in the face of the challenges of daily life—challenges stemming from unpredictability of both the human and natural worlds." Maybe this Midwestern quality is accented even more in a place that has seen so many recent crises. Yes, we can be proud of our humility.

There are lots of deer, living and dead, in these poems. There are also, of course, lakes and rivers and a fair amount of fishing. There's snow. There are forests and sunsets because they, too, are part of what we experience and love about this place. But these editors have made sure there is not just one tone, not just one vision of the state. The cities are here, too, filled with all their problems and hopes. In "Down in Detroit," Terry Blackhawk responds to a suburban librarian who says with shock, "You live down in Detroit?":

Tough enough to love
this town without the shocked looks, dropped
jaws of fellow citizens who assume whiteness
unites as they eye you, reassessing instantly.

The book would not be honest if the poems celebrated only the beauty around us. They must also recognize the battles we continue to fight.

Several of us, including Gregerson, Kasischke, Kearns, Thomas Lynch, and Swan, will read from *Poetry in Michigan/ Michigan in Poetry* on December 4 at Literati Bookstore.

—Keith Taylor

are **all-ages shows** (youths 10 & under must be accompanied by a parent). Preceded by 2 opening acts. Alcohol is served. *2 p.m. (Sun.) and 7 & 9:30 p.m. (Fri. & Sat.), 314 E. Liberty, (below Seva restaurant). $20 in advance & at the door. 996–9080.*

"White Christmas: The Musical": Encore Musical Theatre Company. *Every Thurs.–Sat. (except Nov. 28), Nov. 21–Dec. 22.* Barbara Cullen directs this 2004 musical, adapted from the 1954 film, about 2 nightclub performers who help an old army pal try to make his winter resort popular. The Irving Berlin score features "Blue Skies," "Count Your Blessings," "How Deep Is the Ocean," and the iconic title song. Cast: Jess Alexander, Darcy Link, Jennifer Bachman, and Tim Brayman. *3 p.m. (Sat., Sun., & Dec. 5), 7 p.m. (Thurs.), & 8 p.m. (Fri. & Sat.), Encore, 3126 Broad St., Dexter. Thurs. eve.: $26 (seniors age 55 & older and youth age 17 & under, $24; groups of 10 or more, $22); Fri. & Sat. eve.: $32 (seniors age 55 & older and youth age 17 & under, $29; groups of 10 or more, $26); Thurs., Sat. & Sun. matinee: $28 (seniors age 55 & older and youth age 17 & under, $25; groups of 10 or more, $24). Tickets available in advance at theencoretheatre.org and at the door. $15 student rush tickets available at the door only 1 hour before showtime. 268–6200.*

★"Wish List Ornament": Ann Arbor District Library. Adults and youth in grade 3 & up invited to preserve a wish list in an ornament and then decorate it. *3–4 p.m., AADL multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327–8301.*

Team USA Under–18 vs. Nazareth College. The older of the 2 Ann Arbor–based USA Hockey national team development teams plays an exhibition game against this NCAA Division III squad. *3:30 p.m., Ann Arbor Ice Cube, 2121 Oak Valley Dr. at Scio Church Rd. $7 (seniors, students, active military, & kids, $5; youth hockey players with jerseys, $1). 327–9251.*

★Sunday Sunsets: The Yellow Barn. *Every Sun., except Dec. 15.* All musicians invited to jam. Also, a potluck (bring a dish to share). *3:30–6:30 p.m., Yellow Barn, 416 W. Huron. Free. ouryellowbarn.com.*

Heidelberg Charity Poker Room. *Daily.* Texas Hold 'Em and blackjack for players of all levels. Also, Hold 'Em tournaments at 7 p.m. Wed., Fri., & Sat. Free dinner, 5–6 p.m., and other nightly specials. Net proceeds donated to a different charity each week. *5 p.m.–2 a.m., Heidelberg (3rd floor), 215 N. Main. $10–$500 buy-in to play poker, $2–$20 per hand blackjack, $40 buy-in for Hold 'Em tournaments. 834–2237.*

★"Annual Tree Lighting Festival": Kerrytown Market and Shops. Santa lights the tree. *5 p.m., Kerrytown Market & Shops courtyard. Free. 662–5008.*

"17th Annual Evening of Dinner & Jazz": African American Cultural & Historical Museum Fundraiser. Buffet dinner with live jazz by **Ron Brooks & Friends,** an ensemble led by veteran local bassist (and former Bird of Paradise owner) Brooks and featuring **Betty Joplin,** a silky-voiced jazz singer from Lansing with a vocal style somewhere between Aretha Franklin and Natalie Cole and a repertoire that blends Sarah Vaughan and Nancy Wilson. Cash bar. *5–8 p.m., Polo Fields Golf and Country Club, 2955 Packard, Ypsilanti. Tickets $50 in advance by phone or email. aachmuseum@gmail.com, 971–7819.*

★Ann Arbor Morris. *Every Sun.* All invited to try this boisterous, jingly English ceremonial dance thought to be descended from the 15th-century Spanish *moresca*. Wear athletic shoes. *6–8 p.m., Concourse Hall, 4531 Concourse Dr. (off S. State across from the airport). Free. Email a2morris@umich.edu to confirm. 717–1569.*

★"Music for Meditation": St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Deborah Friauff directs the church's adult choir in a program of readings, carols, and anthems framed by contemporary American liturgical composer Peter Hallock's stark setting of the Advent chants known as the "O" Antiphons because each of these 7 meditations on the attributes of Christ features a traditional text beginning with the word "O," the best known of which is "O Come, O Come Emmanuel." *7:15–8 p.m., St. Andrew's, 306 N. Division. Free. 663–0518.*

Ballroom Dance Club at the U-M. *Every Sun. through Dec. 22.* Ballroom dancing to recorded music, including fox-trots, waltzes, cha-chas, rumbas, tangos, swing, and more. No partner necessary. Preceded at 7 p.m. by beginning lessons and practice. *8–10 p.m., Michigan Union Rogel Ballroom (Pendleton Room on Dec. 15). $5 ($10 includes lessons). 763–6984.*

Ann Arbor Poetry Slam. *Every Sun.* All poets invited to compete in a poetry slam judged by a randomly chosen panel from the audience. Participants compete for points to qualify for an April 5 Slam-Off to determine the team that will represent Ann Arbor held in the National Poetry Slam in Oakland (CA) next August. The program begins with a brief poetry open mike and (usually) a short set by a featured poet. *8–11 p.m. (sign-up begins at 7:30 p.m.), Silvio's, 715 North University. $5 suggested donation. 985–0736.*

2 MONDAY

★Weekly Rehearsal: Women's Chamber Chorus. *Every Mon. through Dec. 9.* All invited to join this independent 30-member local women's chorus to sing everything from Bach and Hungarian folk songs to madrigals and pop tunes. David Perample directs. *10–11:30 a.m., West Side United Methodist Church, 900 S. Seventh. Free to visitors ($100 per semester dues for those who join). 665–9271.*

★"Playgroups for Babies": Ann Arbor District Library. *Every Mon.* Playgroup for kids up to 24 months, accompanied by an adult. No older siblings. *Note:* Play days are also offered at the Malletts Creek (Tues., 10–11 a.m. & Thurs. 6:30–7:30 p.m.), Pittsfield (Wed. except Dec. 25, 11 a.m.–noon), and Traverwood (Fri. 10:30–11 a.m.) branches. *10:30–11:30 a.m., AADL, 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327–8301 (main library), 327–4200 (branches).*

★Knitting: Ann Arbor Senior Center. *Every Mon.* All ages invited to bring knitting projects to work on. Lunch available at 11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m. ($5.50; age 60 & over, $3; reservations required). *11 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Ann Arbor Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin. Free. 794–6250.*

★Bridge: U-M Turner Senior Wellness Program. *Every Mon. & Fri.* All seniors invited to play bridge. Some experience necessary. *12:30–4:30 p.m., Turner Senior Resource Center, 2401 Plymouth Rd. Free. 998–9353.*

Duplicate Bridge: Ann Arbor Senior Center. *Every Mon., Wed., & Thurs. except Dec. 25.* All ages invited to play non-sanctioned (Mon.) and ACBL-sanctioned (Wed. & Thurs.) duplicate bridge. Bring a partner. *12:30–4 p.m. (Mon.) & Noon–3:45 p.m. (Wed. & Thurs.), Ann Arbor Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin. $7 (members, $6) on Wed. & Thurs., $3 (members, $2) on Mon. 794–6250.*

Social Mah-Jongg: Ann Arbor Senior Center. *Every Mon & Thurs.* All ages invited to play this intricate game that uses colorful tiles. Lunch available at 11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m. ($5.50; age 60 & over, $3; reservations required). *1–3:30 p.m. (Mon.) & 10–11:30 a.m. (Thurs.), Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin. $2 (members, free). 794–6250.*

★Writing Group: U-M Turner Senior Wellness Program. *Every Mon.* All seniors invited to read and discuss poetry, essays, fiction, and reminiscences they have written. *1–3 p.m., Turner Senior Resource Center, 2401 Plymouth Rd. Free. 998–9353.*

★ESL Conversation Group: Ann Arbor District Library. *Every Mon., Wed., & Fri. through Dec. 23.* All levels of English speakers invited for conversation. *1–2:30 p.m., AADL Pittsfield Branch (Mon.), 2359 Oak Valley Dr. between Scio Church Rd. and Ann Arbor–Saline Rd.; 7–8:30 p.m., AADL Traverwood Branch (Wed.), 3333 Traverwood at Huron Pkwy.; & 1–2:30 p.m., AADL Malletts Creek Branch (Fri.), 3090 E. Eisenhower between Stone School & Packard. Free. 327–4555.*

★"The Ownership Society: Political Implications of Pension Reform": U-M Center for International & Comparative Studies. Talk by U-M political

Midnight Madness
Fri. Dec. 6th
Downtown Ann Arbor
Stores open late
Sales
Entertainment
www.mainstreetannarbor.org

Allen Creek Preschool
Open House December 6, 11-Noon
2014-2015 Enrollment opens January 16, 2014
At Allen Creek preschool, we support the healthy development of children from birth to age nine with a unique educational experience. We're a place where children and parents lay the foundation for future social, emotional and academic success.

- Parent-Toddler Programs for ages 1-3
- Preschool Classes for ages 3-4
- Half Day Five-year-old Class
- Afternoon Art Classes for ages 4-9
Call to schedule a visit: 734-994-3382
2350 Miller Ave. Ann Arbor, MI 48103
office@allencreek.org
www.allencreek.org

Antonio Vivaldi:
Gloria
Sunday, December 22
9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Ann Arbor Michigan

1432 Washtenaw Avenue
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
734 • 662 • 4466
Rev. Dr. Fairfax F. Fair, Pastor

presented by
Chancel Choir, soloists
& Michigan Sinfonietta

www.firstpresbyterian.org

KREFT ARTS THE KREFT ARTS PROGRAM AT CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY ANN ARBOR

The 36th Annual
Boar's Head Festival

Friday, December 6 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, December 7 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 8 4:00 p.m.

Chapel of the Holy Trinity
on the campus of Concordia University

Tickets: $8-15
Tickets on sale November 4

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY
Ann Arbor, Michigan

For full details on these & other events, scan the QR code or go to www.cuaa.edu/KnowConcordiaArts

4090 Geddes Road • Ann Arbor, MI 48105 • Tel: 734-995-4612 • kreftarts@cuaa.edu
located just west of US-23 at Exit 39

eclectic celtic

JESSE D. GREEN

Kiana June Weber

Formidable talent

As American schools de-emphasized music over the last decades, Chelsea and Saline high schools went in the other direction, forming and marshaling community support for fiddle ensembles that are a great deal of fun and get a lot of students involved. And lo, kids coming out of these programs are finding themselves with skills that people will pay good money for. Saline's Jeremy Kittel is now moving in the top circles of new acoustic music, a mixed bag that includes aspects of bluegrass, Celtic music, jazz, and classical music, for starters. And now, following on his heels but not imitating him, is Kiana June Weber, who came up through the Chelsea House Orchestra.

At twenty-three, she's already a veteran. As a high school student, she formed a band called Daughters of Newgrass that took the brilliant but rather arcane California fusion fiddler Darol Anger for a musical model. Like Kittel, she moved on to the U-M, but her studies were interrupted by a paying gig with a Celtic music-and-dance outfit called Barrage. She traveled with them to, among other places, Beijing, where she played on television for 50 million people.

Now she's signed on with an even bigger Celtic group, Gaelic Storm, the one that played the steerage band in *Titanic*. But she also came back to Ann Arbor to finish her music degree, and last spring she played a concert at the Ark that was one-third recital for her music degree, one-third Celtic and bluegrass whirlwind, and one-third new acoustic music of one kind or another. Not many young people could have pulled it off and held it together, but she did.

There are aspects of Weber's music that will grow stronger over time, but she's already a formidable talent, and she has charisma to burn. She knows how to handle a crowd that may be expecting various things from a show, and she realizes that fast Celtic tunes really need to be taken a little bit faster than the fiddler can play them. At the Ark, she put together an intelligent program that built logically to a blistering "Old Joe Clark" and a broadly epic "Jerusalem Ridge." She has a virtuoso's command and an open ear.

Now Weber has a new single, a lovely version of the Bill Staines folk classic "Roseville Fair," in which she sings and accompanies herself on a strummed violin, with the violin bowed at the end in a kind of epilogue. I've never heard anything exactly like it. And on December 17 she's coming to the Ark (see Nightspots) with a show where she'll call all the shots (and, she says, mix in a few holiday tunes). She's pure Michigan, and she could be very big.

—James M. Manheim

science professor Andrew Kerner. *4–5:30 p.m., 1636 SSWB, 1080 South University. Free. 763–9200.*

★**"iMovie": Ann Arbor District Library.** Community Television Network staff introduce adults and teens in grade 6 & up to this video editing software. You're welcome to bring your own video footage. *7–9 p.m., AADL training center, 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327–4555.*

★**Monte Nagler: Nicola's Books.** This veteran Detroit-area photographer shows and discusses his work. Signing. *7 p.m., Nicola's, 2513 Jackson, Westgate shopping center. Free. 662–0600.*

★**"An Evening of Winter Jazz": Ann Arbor District Library.** A program of winter-themed music and jazz standards by the **Rob Crozier Trio,** a local ensemble led by bassist Crozier and featuring drummer Pete Sears and keyboardist Keaton Royer. *7–8 p.m., AADL multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327–4555.*

Tartan & Thistle Scottish Country Dancers. *Dec. 2, 9, & 16.* Jigs, reels, and strathspeys. Usually with live music. All dances taught; beginners welcome. *7:30–9:30 p.m., the Barn at Gretchen's House V, 2625 Traver. $5. 395–7782, 769–1052, 426–0241.*

★**Large Ensemble Meeting: Ann Arbor Recorder Society.** All beginning and advanced players of the recorder and other early instruments invited. Directed by viol teacher and early music specialist Janet Cannon. Music provided; bring your own music stand. *7:30–9:30 p.m., St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 306 N. Division. Free to visitors ($35 annual dues for those who join). 274–9463.*

Jazz Faculty Benefit Concert: Ann Arbor School for the Performing Arts. Performance by AASPA jazz teachers and guest musicians TBA. *8 p.m., Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave. $10–$30 (students, $5). Reservations recommended. 769–2999.*

Pub Quiz: Conor O'Neill's Irish Pub. *Every Mon.* Local high school English teacher Barry Aherne throws out questions for anyone to answer at this popular weekly trivia fest. Prizes. *8:30–11:30 p.m., Conor O'Neill's, 318 S. Main. $5 team fee. 665–2968.*

3 TUESDAY

Social Bridge: Ann Arbor Senior Center. *Every Tues.* All ages invited to play noncompetitive bridge. No partner required. *9:30–11:30 a.m., Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin. $2 (members, free). 794–6250.*

Coffee Break: Ann Arbor Christian Reformed Church. *Every Tues. through Dec. 17.* All women invited to study the Bible with other American and international women in small, informal groups. Also, Bible stories and fun activities for preschoolers, and child care provided for babies. *9:45–11:15 a.m. & 1:15–2:45 p.m., Ann Arbor Christian Reformed Church, 1717 Broadway. $15 for the year. 665–0105.*

★**Preschool Storytimes: Ann Arbor District Library.** *Every Tues. & Wed. except Dec. 24 & 25.* Stories and songs for kids ages 2–5 (accompanied by an adult). *Note:* These storytimes are also offered at the Traverwood (Tues. except Dec. 24 11–11:30 a.m., Wed. except Dec. 25 6–6:30 p.m., & Thurs. 10–10:30 a.m.), Malletts Creek (Wed. except Dec. 25, 10–10:30 a.m.), and Pittsfield (Thurs. 7–7:30 p.m. & Fri. 10–10:30 a.m.) branches. *10–10:30 a.m. (Tues.) & 11–11:30 a.m. (Wed.), AADL youth department story room, 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327–8301 (main library), 327–4200 (branches).*

Scrabble: Ann Arbor Senior Center. *Every Tues.* All ages invited to play this popular word game. Lunch available for $5.50 (age 60 & over, $3) at 11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.; reservations required. *10 a.m.–1 p.m., Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin. $2 (members, free). 794–6250.*

★**Jewish Older Adults: Jewish Community Center.** *Every Tues.* Activities begin at 11 a.m. with **"Energy Exercise"** ($4), a 60-minute workout led by Maria Farquhar, and at 1 p.m. **mah-jongg** and **sewing.** Also, at 1:30 p.m., **Yiddish Tish,** a Yiddish conversation group. Homemade buffet luncheon ($3) available at noon. All invited. *11 a.m.–3 p.m., JCC, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr. (off Stone School Rd. south of Packard). Free (except as noted). 971–0990.*

★**"Qing Perceptions of British India and the Dilemmas of Frontier Integration, 1760–1842": U-M Center for Chinese Studies Noon Lecture**

Series. Talk by William & Mary history professor Matthew Mosca. Free sandwiches, cookies, & coffee served. *Noon–1 p.m., 1636 SSWB, 1080 South University. Free. 764–6308.*

★**"Musical Meditations": Temple Beth Emeth/St. Clare's Episcopal Church.** *Dec. 3, 10, & 17.* TBE cantor Annie Rose and St. Clare's music director John Goodell collaborate on musical programs TBA. *5:30–6:15 p.m., TBE/St. Clare's, 2309 Packard. Free. 665–4744.*

★**Graduate Opera Scenes: U-M School of Music.** *Dec. 3 & 10.* Kay Castaldo directs U-M opera grad students in opera scenes and romantic duets. *5:30 p.m. (Dec. 3 & 10) & 8 p.m. (Dec. 10), U-M School of Music McIntosh Theater, 1100 Baits (off Broadway), North Campus. Free. 764–2538.*

★**Tuesday Dinner Ride: Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society.** *Every Tues. (except Dec. 24), Dec.–Mar.* 10- to 20-mile ride, at various paces, along the well-maintained Border-to-Border Trail, to a restaurant in either Ann Arbor or Ypsilanti. Front & back lights required, reflective clothing strongly recommended. *6 p.m., meet at Wheels in Motion, 3400 Washtenaw. Free. 678–8297, 971–2121.*

★**Story Time: Bookbound.** *Every Tues. & Thurs., except Dec. 24 & 31.* Linda Zimmer reads stories for kids age 6 & under. *6 p.m. (Tues.) & 10:30 a.m. (Thurs.), Bookbound, 1729 Plymouth, Courtyard Shops. Free. 369–4345.*

★**"Fabric Coil Coasters": Ann Arbor District Library.** All adults and teens in grade 6 & up invited to make a coiled coaster using rope and scraps of colorful fabric. Materials provided. *6–7:30 p.m., AADL Traverwood Branch, 3333 Traverwood at Huron Pkwy. Free. 327–8301.*

"One Candle for Tzedakah": Ann Arbor Jewish Community Center. Family-oriented Hanukkah celebration. The program includes a latke dinner with sufganiot (jelly donuts) followed by candle lighting, a Hanukkah songfest, face painting, and other kids activities. Entertainment by Ring of Steel Action Theater. All encouraged to bring an unwrapped toy to donate to Toys for Tots. *6–7:30 p.m., Jewish Community Center, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr. (off Stone School Rd. south of Packard). $5 (household, $15). 971–0990.*

★**"Knit Happens": Ann Arbor Stitch 'n' Bitch.** *Every Tues.* All knitters invited to work on their projects and swap knitting tips. *6:30–8:30 p.m., location TBA at meetup.com/ann-arbor-StitchNBitch/. Free. 945–3035.*

English Country Dancing: Ann Arbor Community of Traditional Music and Dance. *Dec. 3, 10, & 17.* Historical and traditional English dancing to live music. All dances taught. No partner or experience needed. Bring flat, nonslip shoes (running shoes OK). First-timers are asked to arrive at 7 p.m. *7–9:30 p.m., Chapel Hill Condominium clubhouse, 3350 Green Rd. (park on Burbank). $8 (students, $4; kids age 13 & under with a parent, free). 665–7704.*

★**"Grief 101: What to Expect When Grieving": Ann Arbor District Library/Arbor Hospice Grief Support Services.** Talk by an Arbor Hospice representative. *7–8:30 p.m., AADL Pittsfield Branch, 2359 Oak Valley Dr. between Scio Church Rd. and Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. Free. 327–4555.*

★**"For You My Door Is Always Open: A One-Woman Show on Golda Meir": Ann Arbor District Library.** Asheville (NC) actress-playwright **RoseLynn Katz,** a former Ann Arborite, presents her acclaimed one-woman show about the life of Golda Meir from a terrified child witnessing a pogrom in Russia to Israel's triumphant prime minister during the Yom Kippur War. *7–8:30 p.m., AADL multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327–4555.*

★**Weekly Rehearsal: Treetown Community Chorus.** *Every Tues. through Dec. 17.* All invited to join this fun-loving independent local mixed chorus to sing mostly familiar tunes, along with some serious music, in various genres. David Perample directs. *7–9 p.m., Gladwin Barn, 94105 W. Liberty. Free to visitors ($80 per semester dues for those who join). 355–7738.*

★**Voices in Harmony Sweet Adelines.** *Every Tues. through Dec. 17.* All women invited to join the weekly rehearsals of this local 70-member *a cappella* barbershop harmony chorus. *7–9:30 p.m., UAW Local 898 Hall, 8975 Textile Rd. (west of Rawsonville Rd. off I-94), Ypsilanti. Free to visitors ($26 monthly dues for those who join). 612–7580.*

★**Huron Valley Harmonizers Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society.** *Every Tues. through Dec. 17.* All male singers invited to join the weekly rehearsals of this local barbershop harmony chorus. *7:30 p.m., Stony Creek United Methodist Church, 8635 Stony Creek Rd., Ypsilanti. Free to visitors ($130 annual dues for those who join). Newcomers should call in advance: Greg Humbel, 445–1925.*

★**Spanish Readers Group: Nicola's Books.** All invited to join a discussion, in Spanish, of ***El Túnel,***

BEBE'S NAILS & SPA LLC
FULL SERVICE NAIL SALON
Get Ready for the *Holidays!*
$2.00 OFF Any Service
One per customer. Not valid with other offers and cannot be combined with other coupons. Expires 12/31/13
$5.00 OFF Acrylic Full Set
One per customer. Not valid with other offers and cannot be combined with other coupons. Expires 12/31/13
$5.00 OFF Manicure/Pedicure
One per customer. Not valid with other offers and cannot be combined with other coupons. Expires 12/31/13
$7.00 OFF Shellac Manicure/Pedicure
One per customer. Not valid with other offers and cannot be combined with other coupons. Expires 12/31/13
Gift Certificates Make A Great Gift
Ask about our loyalty program
LOYAL BLOCKS
www.bebesnails.com
FREE WI-FI
2410 E. Stadium Blvd. Ann Arbor, MI 48104 • 734.975.8870

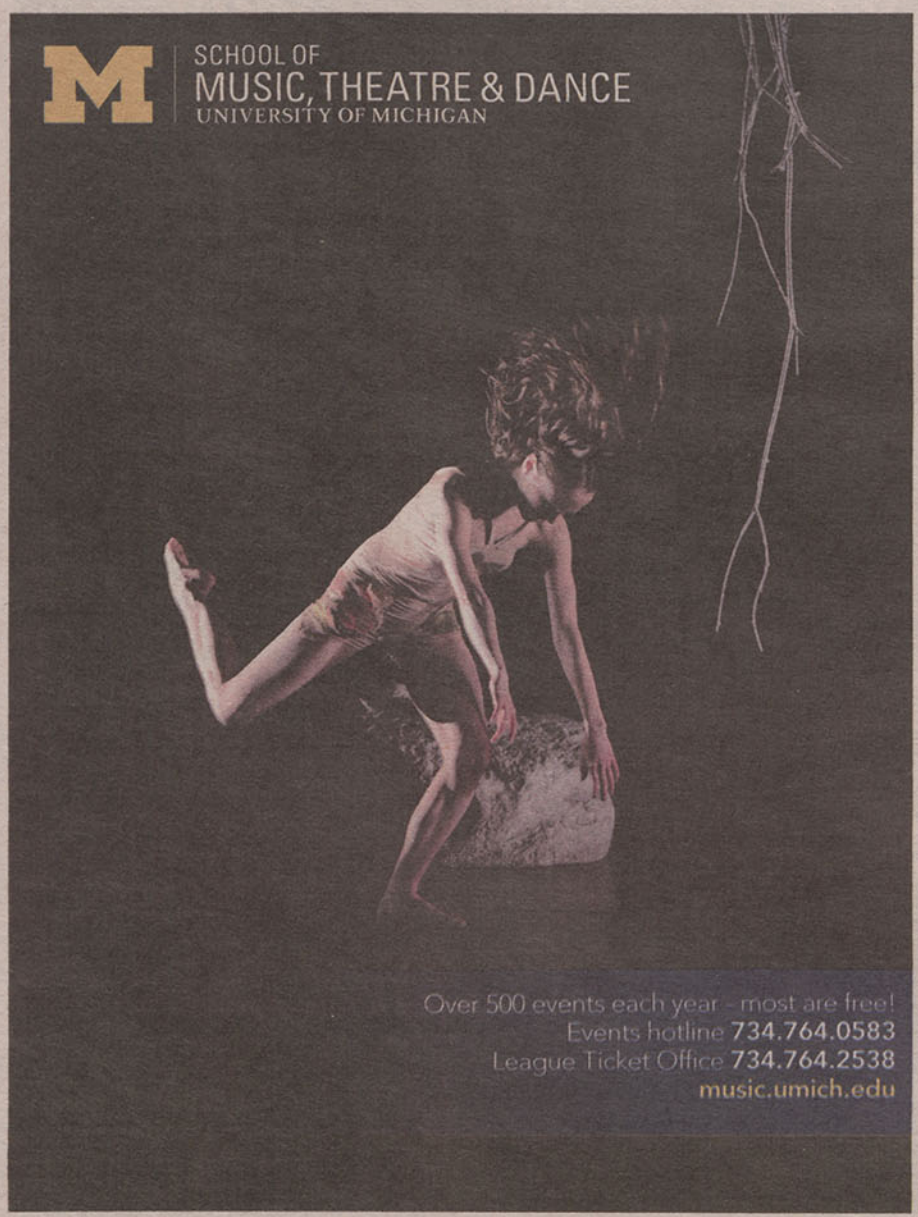
Put some jingle in your pocket!
encore ONLINE RESALE
Let Encore Sell It For You:
Electronics • Musical Instruments
Designer Items • Antiques & Collectibles
Automotive Parts • Sporting Goods
Camera & Audio/Visual Equipment
1958 South Industrial
(in the Colonial Lanes Plaza)
734.761.6187
EncoreOnlineResale.com
eBay REGISTERED drop off location

RIVER RAISIN RAGTIME REVUE'S 3RD ANNUAL
RAGTIME Extravaganza!
Burlesque! Vaudeville!
Featuring BUTCH THOMPSON of "A Prairie Home Companion"
... and the Fabulous RIVER RAISIN RAGTIME REVUE
WILLIAM PEMBERTON, DIRECTOR
America's Premiere Ragtime Orchestra
SATURDAY JANUARY 18
8 PM
Ann Arbor's Historic MICHIGAN THEATER
Tickets at TICKETMASTER.COM 800-745-3000
visit RAGTIMEBAND.ORG for more info.
BOLCOM AND MORRIS Dynamic Duo of Song
JAMES DAPOGNY Jazz Pianist and Bandleader
JOHN NEVILLE-ANDREWS Master of Ceremonies
MIMI MISCHIEF NYC Burlesque Dancer
ERIN MORRIS AND HER RAGDOLLS Lovely Ladies of Dance
THE MOANIN' FROGS UM Saxophone Sextet
ZEEMO Magician and Juggler
SEAN IKE of the Third Coast Kings

SWAROVSKI ELEMENTS
SCHONBEK®
IT'S A SCHONBEK. THERE FOR GENERATIONS.
Since 1870, Schonbek chandeliers have brought timeless sophistication to interiors.
With their unsurpassed quality and beauty, each piece is a cherished heirloom for generations to come.
NEW ORLEANS and other illuminating designs available for viewing at schonbek.com.
Schonbek® is a member of the Swarovski Group.
© 2013 Swarovski Lighting Ltd.

gross electric

Gross Electric I 2232 S. Industrial Hwy., Ann Arbor, MI 48104 I 734-665-8676 I www.grosselectric.com



Ernesto Sábato's novel about a disturbed artist's obsessive love for a married woman. *7:30 p.m., Nicola's, 2513 Jackson, Westgate shopping center. Free. 662–0600.*

★**Ann Arbor Camera Club.** Club members show their recent slides and prints, including those on the club's current topic, **"Stairs/Stairwells."** *7:30 p.m., Wines Elementary School Auditorium, 1701 Newport. Free to visitors ($30 annual dues for those who join). 327–4781.*

★**"Prisoners of the White House: The Isolation of America's Presidents and the Crisis of Leadership": U-M Ford Presidential Library.** *U.S. News & World Report* White House correspondent **Ken Walsh** discusses his book that examines each presidential administration's efforts to assess the public mood and stay connected with the nation. Signing & reception follow. *7:30 p.m., Ford Library, 1000 Beal. Free. 205–0555.*

★**"Conscience and Compassion": Great Lakes Branch of the Anthroposophical Society in America.** Talk by longtime Waldorf teacher Grace Worth. *7:30 p.m., Rudolf Steiner House, 1923 Geddes Ave. Free. 276–5294.*

★**German Speakers Round Table.** *Every Tues.* All German speakers invited for conversation. *8–10 p.m., Grizzly Peak Brewing Company, 120 W. Washington. Free admission. 453–2394.*

★**Student Composers Concert: U-M School of Music.** Program TBA. *8 p.m., U-M Music School McIntosh Theatre, 1100 Baits (off Broadway), North Campus. Free. 764–0594.*

4 WEDNESDAY

"Rockin' for the Hungry": Food Gatherers. *Dec. 4–8.* Live broadcasts by Ann Arbor's 107one DJs. Nonperishable food donations requested. *7 a.m.–7 p.m. (Dec. 4–7) & 10 a.m.–5 p.m. (Dec. 8), Kroger, 400 S. Maple. Free admission. 761–2796.*

★**"Using Information Disclosure to Achieve Policy Goals: How Experience with the Toxics Release Inventory Can Inform Action on Natural Gas Fracking": U-M Ford School of Public Policy.** U-M Center for Local, State, and Urban Policy director Barry Rabe moderates a panel discussion with University of Wisconsin–Green Bay political science and public affairs professor emeritus Michael Kreft and Muhlenberg College (Allentown, PA) Institute of Public Opinion director Christopher Borick. *10–11:30 a.m., 1120 Weill, 735 S. State at Hill. Free. 615–5312.*

★**"Storytime with the Zoo": Nicola's Books/Great Lakes Zoological Society.** *Dec. 4, 11, & 18.* A storyteller reads animal-themed children's books. Also, animal crafts and a critter corner with live animals. *10:30 a.m., Nicola's, 2513 Jackson, Westgate shopping center. Free. 662–0600.*

"The Implications of Climate Change, Both Globally and Locally": Ann Arbor City Club Lunch & Learn. Lecture by Rosina Bierbaum, a U-M environmental science professor and a member of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology. The program begins with lunch. *11:30 a.m.–1 p.m., AACC, 1830 Washtenaw. $30. Reservations required by Nov. 29. 662–3279, ext. 1.*

★**"Darkness Visible: Gender, Genre, and Cinematic Madness": U-M Institute for Research on Women and Gender.** Lecture by IRWG visiting scholar Colleen Tremonte. *Noon–1 p.m., 2239 Lane Hall, 204 S. State. Free. 764–9537.*

★**"Ambivalent Consumers and the Limits of Certification: Organic Foods in Postsocialist Bulgaria": U-M Center for Russian, East European, & Eurasian Studies.** Talk by WSU anthropology professor Yuson Jung. Bring a bag lunch, if you like. *Noon–1:30 p.m., 1636 SSWB, 1080 South University. Free. 764–0351.*

★**"Bach's Orgelbüchlein: An Advent Meditation": Bethlehem United Church of Christ.** Local organists **Shin-Ae Chun, Gail Jennings, Naki Kripfgans,** and **Alice Van Wambeke** perform Christmas choral preludes. With readings by John Samford. Refreshments. *Noon, Bethlehem UCC, 423 S. Fourth Ave. Free. 665–6149.*

★**Chess: U-M Turner Senior Wellness Program.** *Every Wed. except Dec. 25.* All seniors invited to play chess. Refreshments. *1–4 p.m., Turner Senior Resource Center, 2401 Plymouth Rd. Free. 998–9353.*

"The Vast Difference": Purple Rose Theatre Company. See 1 Sunday. 3 & 8 p.m.

★**"Cuba in the New Millennium: Reforming Orthodoxy and Generational Change": U-M Ford School of Public Policy.** Talk by ICAE Business School (Alajuela, Costa Rica) economics professor Alberto Trejos, a former Costa Rica minister of foreign trade. *4–5:30 p.m., 1120 Weill, 735 S. State at Hill. Free. 615–5312.*

★**"Reading *Volcano Island:* Reflections on Jeju 4.3 on its 65th Year": U-M Nam Center for Korean Studies.** University of Iowa Korean studies chair Sonia Ryang discusses Kim Seok-beom's book about the April 3, 1948 uprisings on the South Korean island of Jeju that led to violent suppression and thousands of casualties. *4–5:30 p.m., 1636 SSWB International Institute, 1080 South University. Free. 764–1825.*

★**"The Higgs Is One Piece of the Mass Puzzle: Toward a New Understanding of the Quantum Universe": U-M Physics Department Annual Ford Motor Company Lecture.** Talk by U.S. Department of Energy Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory director Nigel Lockyer. *4:15 p.m., 1324 East Hall, 530 Church St. Free. 764–4437.*

★**Michigan Marching Band Practice.** *Dec. 4–6, 10, & 11.* The U-M's highly disciplined 200-plus-member marching band or sections thereof can be seen and heard practicing on Elbel Field. All are welcome to find a spot in the bleachers and get a sneak preview of upcoming halftime shows. *4:45–6:15 p.m., Elbel Field, Hill at Division. Free. 764–0582.*

★**Scrabble: Ann Arbor Scrabble Club.** *Every Wed. (except Dec. 25) and Dec. 26.* Word freaks of all abilities invited to drop in to play this popular word game. Bring your own set, if you like. *5–8 p.m., Arbor Brewing Co., 114 E. Washington. Free. 994–0084, 277–7748.*

★**"Anselm Kiefer": U-M Author's Forum.** U-M modern and contemporary art professor Matthew Biro and U-M German studies professor Silke-Maria Weineck discuss Biro's new book about the prolific contemporary German artist renowned for his diverse body of work in painting, sculpture, and installation. *5:30–7 p.m., 100 U-M Hatcher Grad Library Gallery, enter from the Diag. Free. 764–3166.*

★**Flute Ensembles: EMU Music Department.** Julie Stone directs the music student flute choir and small ensembles in a program TBA. *6 p.m., EMU Pease Auditorium, W. Cross at College Place, Ypsilanti. Free. 487–2255.*

"Ari's Best of 2013": Zingerman's Delicatessen. *Dec. 4 & 18.* Zingerman's cofounder Ari Weinzweig discusses and offers taste samples of some of his favorite Zingerman's products. An extremely popular annual event, which usually sells out. *6:30–8:30 p.m., Zingerman's Events on 4th, Fourth Ave. just south of Kingsley. $45 in advance and (if available) at the door. 663–3400.*

★**"Block Printing": Ann Arbor District Library.** Adults and youth in grade 6 & up invited to learn to make linocut prints using linoleum blocks. Supplies provided. *6:30–8:30 p.m., AADL Malletts Creek Branch, 3090 E. Eisenhower between Stone School & Packard. Free. 327–8301.*

Ann Arbor Bridge Club. *Every Wed. except Dec. 25.* All invited to play ACBL-sanctioned duplicate bridge. If you plan to come without a partner, call in advance or arrive 20 minutes early. *7–11 p.m., Walden Hills clubhouse, 2114 Pauline west of Maple. (Park in the designated spaces in the lot on the north side of Pauline.) $6 per person. 623–8050.*

★**"My Last Fight: The True Story of a Hockey Rock Star": Barnes & Noble.** Retired Detroit Red Wings right wing **Darren McCarty,** a fan favorite who is also the lead singer in the rock band Grinder, discusses his recently published memoir. Signing. *7 p.m., Barnes & Noble, 3235 Washtenaw. Free. 973–1618.*

★**"Watch Me Move: The Animation Show": Ann Arbor District Library.** Detroit Institute of Arts docent Ken Szmigiel introduces the current DIA exhibit showcasing animation's great inventors, innovators, and artists over the past 150 years. *7–8:30 p.m., AADL multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327–4555.*

★**"Poetry in Michigan / Michigan in Poetry": Literati Bookstore.** *See review, p. 71.* Several area poets—including **Linda Gregerson, David Cope, Lizzie Hutton, Laura Kasischke, Josie Kearns, Thomas Lynch, Alison Swan,** and **Keith Taylor**—read from this new anthology of works by more than 90 poets and 30 artists. *7 p.m., Literati, 124 E. Washington. Free. 585–5567.*

★**"Someone Else's Love Story": Nicola's Books.** Best-selling Georgia writer **Joshilyn Jackson** reads from her new novel about a 21-year-old woman who's finishing college, raising her 3-year-old genius son, and keeping the peace between her divorced parents when she's caught in a gas station stickup and ends up falling for the man who protects her son. Signing. *7 p.m., Nicola's, 2513 Jackson, Westgate shopping center. Free. 662–0600.*

★**"An Evening of Poetry and Written Word": Crazy Wisdom Bookstore & Tea Room.** Reading by Hope College English professor emeritus **Jack Ridl,** an award-winning poet known for what Observer reviewer Keith Taylor calls "wonderfully direct, plainspoken poems that approach the big subjects of life but always by an oblique angle." His *Losing Season,* a collection of poems about a small town suffering through the dismal performance of its high school basketball team, was named 2009 best book

spectator sports

Dr. Porter Synchronized Skating Classic

How did they do that?

The lobby of the Ann Arbor Ice Cube is overflowing with girls and young women dressed in matching athletic suits. They move in packs, the color of their bright scarves differentiating each team. Their hair pulled back severely, they are obviously serious athletes, but their eyes are incongruently made up, like fashion models or ballroom dancers, with extra-long fake eyelashes, serious screaming eye shadow, and lots of rhinestones in their hair.

As I walk into the ice arena, the audience is screaming! Chanting! Bellowing! What kind of raucous sporting event have I walked into? Then the music starts, and, suddenly, graceful ladies are poised like ballerinas on the ice.

A friend explains that synchronized skating was invented in Ann Arbor, and that the "Dr. Porter Synchronized Skating Classic" (returning to the Ice Cube December 7 and 8) was the very first synchronized skating competition. Teams come from not only all around the country but from all around the world. No wonder the parking lot was so crowded.

How to explain synchronized skating? Visualize a team of twelve to sixteen Michelle Kwans or whoever your favorite skater is. You have the beautiful flowy gauzy gowns, graceful expressions, delicate hand motions, twirls, and turns, but multiplied and complicated by the difficulties of navigating something like a busy dance floor while sliding backwards at high velocity.

The skaters' configurations shift as quickly and seamlessly as a kaleidoscope. Four groups of four skaters arm in arm morph into two lines of eight skaters arms across shoulders, morphing into a circle turning counterclockwise, morphing into a whip of skaters spinning out of the circle, morphing into pairs of skaters holding hands. Often, parallel lines of skaters will intersect—letting go of one another's shoulders right before impact—turn, and suddenly be in a completely new grouping.

Wait. How did they just do that? I cannot differentiate individual skaters, I only see the formations they create. The velocity at which they skate but do not crash and do not fall is mind-numbing. What coordination and courage this takes! I cannot take my eyes off the ice.

The two long tables of judges give the competition a gravitas that should not be missed, but it is the cheers of the crowd (mostly skaters) that let you know which moves were particularly impressive.

Afterwards, I walk through the lobby to check out the vendors and smile to see the seriousness of these young women athletes give way to their youth and girlishness as they squeal over sparkling skating costumes, piles of cute stuffed animals, huge bins of scrunchies of every color, and tables full of rhinestone-studded hair clips.

—Frances Kai-Hwa Wang

about sports by the Institute for International Sport, and his latest collection is *Practicing to Walk Like a Heron*. Followed by a poetry and short fiction open mike. *7–9 p.m., Crazy Wisdom, 114 S. Main. Free. 665–2757.*

★**All Orchestra Concert: Greenhills School.** Middle and Upper School students perform works TBA. *7 p.m., Greenhills School Campbell Center for the Performing Arts, 850 Greenhills Dr. Free. 205–4082.*

Joe Crookston: On the Tracks Singer-Songwriter Showcase. Highly regarded Ohio-bred folk-style singer-songwriter, who also talks about how he wrote the songs. Crookston is now based in upstate New York, where he spent a year, funded by a Rockefeller Foundation grant, traveling the Finger Lakes region collecting stories to turn into songs. He is known for his engagingly melodic, variously mystical, historical, and humorous story songs, many of which draw on his own experiences and family history. Opening act is **Caleb Lange,** a Chelsea acoustic pop-folk singer-songwriter. *7–9 p.m., Chelsea Depot, 12 Jackson, Chelsea. $15 suggested donation. Info: call Annie Capps at 330–5226.*

★**"Introduction to Steiner's Thought": Great Lakes Branch of the Anthroposophical Society in America.** *Every Wed. except Dec. 25.* All invited to join a discussion of Rudolf Steiner's *How to Know Higher Worlds. 7:30 p.m., Rudolf Steiner House, 1923 Geddes Ave. Free. 485–3764.*

★**Visitors Night: Ann Arbor Model Railroad Club.** All invited to check out the trains whizzing around on the club's big, elaborate layout, housed in a depot restored by the club. *7:30–10 p.m., Michigan Central depot, 3487 Broad, Dexter. Free. 426–5100.*

★**History of Books & Printing Reading Group: Motte & Bailey, Booksellers.** All invited to discuss ***Printer's Devil: The Life and Work of Frederic Warde,*** Simon Loxley's biography of the influential American typographic designer and printer. *7:30–9 p.m., Motte & Bailey, 212 N. Fourth Ave. Free. 669–0451.*

★**Percussion Ensemble: U-M School of Music.** Joseph Gramley and Jonathan Ovalle direct this music student ensemble in a rousing program of jazz and world fusion music. Also, the inaugural performance by **iMpact!,** a new high school percussion ensemble led by percussion grad students Gary Donald and Thomas Erickson. *8 p.m., 1100 Baits (off Broadway), North Campus. Free. 764–0594.*

★**"Mad about Chamber Music": Kerrytown Concert House.** U-M music professor Christopher Harding directs U-M music students in an informal concert of classical music TBA. Proceeds benefit KCH. *8 p.m., KCH, 415 N. Fourth Ave. Free; donations accepted at the door. Reservations recommended. 769–2999.*

"Comedy Jamm": Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. *Every Wed. except Dec. 25.* Performances by up to 12 aspiring area stand-up comics. Alcohol is served. *8 p.m., 314 E. Liberty (below Seva restaurant). $5 in advance and at the door. 996–9080.*

"Juke Box Jungle": Conor O'Neill's Irish Pub. *Every Wed. except Dec. 25.* Conor O'Neill's staff member Ryan Halsey hosts a music trivia quiz. Prizes. *9–11:30 p.m., Conor O'Neill's, 318 S. Main. $3 team fee. 665–2968.*

5 THURSDAY

★**Older Adults Thursday: Jewish Community Center.** *Every Thurs. except Dec. 26.* Activities, primarily for seniors, begin at 10 a.m. with **"Energy Exercise"** ($4), a 60-minute exercise program led

2nd Annual Holiday Pops

A2SO Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra
Arie Lipsky, Conductor
Friday, December 13th
8:00 p.m.
Hill Auditorium
Featuring selections from *The Nutcracker* and with special guests Measure for Measure and Skyline High School's Bel Canto and A Capella Choruses
(734) 994-4801 // a2so.com
bank helps Co-sponsored by Bank of Ann Arbor

Memories fade.
So do those cherished family photos and mementos.
With our museum-quality materials and methods,
you'll give a gift that's timeless. Literally.
FORMAT FRAMING & GALLERY
1123 Broadway St, Ann Arbor | (734) 996-9446 | formatframing.biz

COMING SOON!
MICHIGAN THEATER

ums BE PRESENT
DAVID TENNANT STARS IN SHAKESPEARE'S
RICHARD II
THE FIRST-EVER CINEMA BROADCAST FROM THE STAGE OF THE ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY
SUNDAY DEC. 8 7:00 PM
WEDNESDAY DEC. 11 7:00 PM
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT UMS.ORG AND AT THE DOOR.

SUNDANCE FILM FESTIVAL USA
JANUARY 30
AND SUNDANCE SHORTS
JANUARY 28 & 29
RESERVE YOUR SEATS! TICKETS ON SALE DECEMBER 9
TICKETS AT TICKETMASTER.COM AND ALL TICKETMASTER OUTLETS.
CHARGE BY PHONE: 800-745-3000. FOR MORE INFO: MICHTHEATER.ORG/SFFUSA14.
ANN ARBOR'S DOWNTOWN CENTER FOR FINE FILM AND THE PERFORMING ARTS
603 E. LIBERTY ST. • (734) 668-TIME • WWW.MICHTHEATER.ORG

THE **PURPLE ROSE** THEATRE COMPANY

JEFF DANIELS:
ONSTAGE &
UNPLUGGED
DEC. 20 - 31

734.433.7673
PurpleRoseTheatre.org

88.3
WCBN
you are here.
wcbn.org

YOU WORK HARD
FOR YOUR MONEY

BUT STILL CAN'T
AFFORD HEALTH
INSURANCE?

Good news.
America has a new Health Insurance Marketplace where you can finally find a plan that fits your budget.

Whether you're purchasing insurance for the first time, enrolling in a new plan from your employer, or considering switching health insurance carriers, be sure to choose a plan that includes the doctors and facilities you know and trust at St. Joe's.

To learn more, visit
stjoeshealth.org/ACA or call 855-SJ-Discover (855-753-4726).
Ann Arbor • Chelsea • Livingston • Livonia • Oakland • Port Huron

SAINT JOSEPH MERCY HEALTH SYSTEM
A Member of Trinity Health

by Maria Farquhar. An 11 a.m. **Current Events** discussion group led by Heather Dombey is followed at noon by a homemade dairy lunch ($3 with reservation, $4 without reservation and for nonseniors) and at 1 p.m. by a cultural or educational program. *Dec. 5:* Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor community engagement director Ilana Baden and a group of **teens from Nahalal, Israel,** discuss the teens' experiences as exchange students from the JCC sister city. *Dec. 12:* U-M film studies professor emeritus Ira Konigsberg discusses **"The Genius of Charlie Chaplin."** *Dec. 19:* Local clinical social worker Anita Rubin-Meiller discusses **"Healing Through Compassionate Life."** *10 a.m.–3 p.m., JCC, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr. (off Stone School Rd. south of Packard). Free (except as noted). 971–0990.*

★**"A Course in Miracles": Interfaith Center for Spiritual Growth.** *Every Thurs.* Local social worker Lorraine Coburn leads a study group on this popular Foundation for Inner Peace metaphysical book. *Noon–1:30 p.m., Interfaith Center for Spiritual Growth, 704 Airport Blvd. Free. 646–6585.*

★**Gifts of Art: U-M Hospitals.** *Dec. 5:* Traditional klezmer music by the **Ann Arbor Klezmer Trio.** *Dec. 12:* Seasonal tunes by the **Dodworth Saxhorn Band.** *Dec. 19:* Holiday harmonies by the local band **Counterpoint.** *12:10 p.m., U-M Hospital Main Lobby, 1500 E. Medical Center Dr. (off Fuller). Free. 936–ARTS.*

★**"A Voice from the Black Maria": U-M Frankel Center for Judaic Studies.** Artist Suzi Dessel discusses the early 20th-century Jewish civil rights advocate Martha Gruening and Dessel's own art inspired by her research on Gruening. *12:15 p.m., 2022 Thayer Bldg. 202 S. Thayer. Free. 763–9047.*

"Tea with the Fairies": Crazy Wisdom Bookstore & Tea Room. Crazy Wisdom staff dress up as fairies to sprinkle fairy dust and serve tea, petits fours, and cookies to kids and their families. Also, fairy stories and readings. Bring your own fairy wings and dolls. *1 & 4 p.m., Crazy Wisdom, 114 S. Main. $11 (babies age 18 months & younger, free). Preregistration required. 665–2757.*

★**"Sovereignty in the Imperial Mediterranean: The Case of Tunisia": U-M Center for European Studies Conversations on Europe.** Talk by Harvard University history professor Mary Lewis, author of *Divided Rule: Sovereignty and Empire in French Tunisia, 1881–1938. 4–5:30 p.m., 1636 SSWB, 1080 South University. Free. 647–2743.*

★**"Yes. The Space-Time Continuum": U-M School of Art & Design Penny Stamps Lecture Series.** Designer John Marshall discusses his work as principal at rootoftwo, an art and design studio that creates experimental objects that attempt to disrupt and expose existing systems through humor, play, and interaction. *5:10 p.m., Michigan Theater. Free. 647–2337.*

★**Marilyn Nelson: U-M English Department Zell Visiting Writers Series.** Reading by this award-winning poet and translator who served as Connecticut's poet laureate from 2001–2006. Three of her books were finalists for the National Book Award: *The Homeplace* (1990), *The Fields of Praise: New and Selected Poems* (1997), and *Carver: A Life in Poems* (2001), which lyrically renders the life of the revered African American botanist and inventor George Washington Carver. Poet Suzanne Gardinier says Nelson's poetry "reaches back through generations hemmed in on all sides by slavery and its antecedents; all along the way she finds sweetness, and humor, and more complicated truth than its disguises have revealed." *5:10 p.m., UMMA auditorium, 525 S. State. Free. mslevad@umich.edu, 764–6330.*

"Recycled Crafts To Keep Kids Warm": Leslie Science & Nature Center. All invited to learn how to make scarves, mittens, and slippers from discarded jeans and sweaters. Admission is free if you bring outgrown kids winter outerwear to donate for kids who arrive at LSNC programs not quite prepared for the weather. *6:30–8:30 p.m., Leslie Science Center, 1831 Traver. $5. 997–1553.*

U-M Ice Hockey vs. Team USA Over-18. The U-M plays an exhibition game against the older of the 2 Ann Arbor–based USA Hockey national team development teams. The U-M also has an NCAA match this month vs. **Ferris St.** (Dec. 11). *7 p.m., Yost Ice Arena, 1016 S. State. Ticket price TBA at stubhub.com/michigan-wolverines-hockey-tickets. 764–0247.*

Euchre Night: Out Loud Chorus Fundraiser. All invited to compete in a euchre tournament. *7 p.m., CUBS' AC in Colonial Lanes, 1950 South Industrial. $10. 973–6084, 663–0036.*

ACBL Bridge: Ann Arbor City Club. *Every Thurs. except Dec. 26.* All invited to play ACBL-sanctioned duplicate bridge. No partner required. *7 p.m., Ann Arbor City Club, 1830 Washtenaw. $7. 761–6691.*

★**"Fancy Boxes: Crafting with Gold, Copper, and Silver Leaf": Ann Arbor District Library.** All adults and teens in grade 6 & up invited to make a decorated gift box that's nice enough for the recipient

films

Note: Most educational documentaries are listed with the daily Events.

Ann Arbor District Library. FREE. 327–4555. AADL, 343 S. Fifth Ave., various times.

Dec. 2: **"Perseverance: The Story of Billy Taylor"** (Dan Chace & Bob Hercules, 2012). Documentary about the star U-M running back and his recovery from the alcoholism and substance abuse problems that derailed his life after he graduated in 1972. Followed by a discussion and Q&A with Taylor and the film's producer, Dan Chace. 6:30–8:30 p.m., 4th-floor meeting room.

Dec. 10: **"5 Broken Cameras"** (Emad Burnat & Guy Davidi, 2011). Award-winning documentary about a Palestinian farmer who, after getting a camera to record his baby, starts filming Palestinian struggles against Israeli settlements. Hebrew & Arabic, subtitles. 7–8:30 p.m., 4th-floor meeting room.

Ann Arbor Senior Center. FREE. 794–6250. 1320 Baldwin.

Every Mon.: **"Movie Matinee,"** with films TBA. 12:30–3 p.m.

Interfaith Center for Spiritual Growth. $5 suggested donation. 327–0270. 704 Airport Blvd., 8 p.m.

Dec. 21: **"Spiritual Cinema."** Screening of a feature film or several shorts TBA with spiritual themes. Followed by discussion.

Jewel Heart Buddhist Center. FREE. 994–3387. Jewel Heart (1129 Oak Valley Dr. between Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. & Ellsworth), 7 p.m.

Dec. 20: **"Journey of the Universe"** (David Kennard & Patsy Northcutt, 2011). Lavishly illustrated Emmy-winning documentary narrative focusing on the human role in cosmic evolution by California Institute of Integral Studies evolutionary cosmologist Brian Swimme. Discussion follows.

Michigan Theater Foundation. Unless there is a live show in the main theater, 2 or 3 different films are shown, usually twice, almost every night. For complete, updated schedules, see michtheater.org or call 668–TIME. Tickets (unless otherwise noted): $10 (children under 12, students with ID, seniors age 55 & older, & U.S. veterans, $8; MTF members, $7.50; films before 6 p.m., $7). Michigan Theater (unless otherwise noted), times TBA unless otherwise noted.

Nov. 27–Dec. 4: **"Philomena"** (Stephen Frears, 2013). A world-weary journalist investigates the story of a woman's search for her son who was taken from her decades ago after she became pregnant and was forced to live in a convent. Judi Dench.

Dec. 1: **"A Christmas Story"** (Bob Clark, 1983). Delightful, affectionate memoir of a 1940s childhood and the quest for a BB gun. Peter Billingsley, Darren McGavin, Melinda Dillon. FREE. 1:30 p.m.

Dec. 2: **"Love Actually"** (Richard Curtis, 2003). A warm, bighearted romantic comedy about half a dozen couples in love, highlighted by a wizened, boorish rock star. Alan Rickman, Bill Nighy, Colin Firth, Emma Thompson, Hugh Grant, Liam Neeson. 7 p.m.

Dec. 5: **"The Great Kilapy"** (Zeze Gamboa, 2012). Witty, compelling portrait of the last decade of Portuguese rule in Angola centered on the story of a crooked but irresistible bon vivant who, on the eve of Angolan independence in 1975, pulls off a massive swindle at the expense of the Portuguese colonial administration. Filmed mostly in Brazil with period footage of Angola, it features Afro-Brazilian star **Lázaro Ramos** as the protagonist. Portuguese, subtitles. Part of the U-M Romance Lusophone Film Festival, the screening is preceded by an introduction by a U-M faculty or grad student. FREE. 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 7: **"Warren Miller's Ticket to Ride"** (Warren Miller, 2012). Recognized as the world's premier ski filmmaker, Miller has been making family-oriented ski adventure films for 64 years. He's a major star on the West Coast, where his films draw packed houses for weeklong runs, and the annual Michigan Theater showing usually draws 800 to 1,000 viewers. Tickets $15 (kids age 12 & under, $12) in advance at Sun & Snow & all Ticketmaster outlets (ticketmaster.com), and at the door. To charge by phone, call (800) 745–3000. 6 p.m.

Dec. 8: **"Miracle on 34th Street"** (George Seaton, 1947). Heartwarming comedy about an amiable old man working as a department store Santa who ends up in court on trial for insanity when he tells a skeptical young girl that he's the real thing. Edmund Gwenn, Natalie Wood, Maureen O'Hara. FREE. 1:30 p.m.

Dec. 9: **"Bad Santa"** (Terry Zwigoff, 2003). Comedy about 2 professional thieves who take a job as a mall Santa as a cover for a heist. Billy Bob Thornton, Bernie Mac, Lauren Graham. 7 p.m.

Dec. 12: **"Medora"** (Andrew Cohn & Davy Rothbart, 2013). Documentary about 4 boys from rural Medora (IN) who fight to end their high school basketball team's losing streak, as their once-thriving town dwindles toward extinction. Oscar-winning director Leon Gast calls it "the best sports film I have seen since *Hoop Dreams*." Followed by a Q&A with the directors and some of the film's subjects. Tickets available in advance at ticketweb.com and at the door. 7 p.m.

Dec. 13: **"Rare Exports: A Christmas Tale"** (Jalmari Helander, 2010). Darkly comic fantasy, set on Christmas Eve in northern Finland, about a group of reindeer herders who discover the disturbing secret behind Santa Claus when archaeologists excavating a mountain uncover a sacred grave. Finnish & English, subtitles. 7 & 10 p.m.

Dec. 15: **"Elf"** (Jon Favreau, 2003). Goofy comedy starring Will Ferrell as a man raised as an elf at the North Pole who goes to NYC to reunite with his biological father. James Caan, Zooey Deschanel, Mary Steenburgen. FREE. 1:30 p.m.

Dec. 15: **"Downton Abbey."** Preview showing of the 1st hour of season 4 of this hugely popular British period drama that returns to Detroit Public Television in January. Free (4-ticket limit) but reservations required at downtonabbeypreview.eventbrite.com. 7 p.m.

Dec. 22: **"It's a Wonderful Life"** (Frank Capra, 1946). Christmas classic about a man who wants to lasso the moon and an angel who hasn't yet earned his wings. James Stewart, Donna Reed, Lionel Barrymore. FREE. 1:30 p.m.

Dec. 25: **"Miracle"** (Gavin O'Connor, 2004). Drama based on the true story of Herb Brooks, a hockey player-turned-coach who led the 1980 U.S. Olympic hockey team to victory over the seemingly invincible Russians. Kurt Russell. Sponsored by Temple Beth Emeth. Themed concessions. Tickets $5 in advance at 665–4744; $8 (kids age 12 & under, $5) at the door. 10 a.m.

U-M Center for Chinese Studies. Chinese Documentary Film Series. FREE. 764–6308. Angell Hall Auditorium A (except as noted), entrance at the Fishbowl on the east side of the bldg., 7 p.m.

Dec. 7: **"Moose"** (Gu Tao, 2013). Documentary about the effects on the lives of Inner Mongolian hunters of the disappearance of the moose to ecological destruction and illegal hunting. Ewenki & Mandarin, subtitles.

U-M Frankel Center for Judaic Studies. FREE. 763–9047. 2022 Thayer Bldg. (202 S. Thayer), 6 p.m.

Dec. 3: **"East and West"** (Ivan Abramson and Sidney M. Goldin, 1923). Documentary about the contrast and interaction between American and European Jews in the early 20th century. Yiddish, subtitles.

U-M Screen Arts and Cultures. FREE. 764–0147. Natural Science Auditorium, 7 p.m.–midnight.

Dec. 13 & 14: **"Lightworks Festival."** Screenings of animated, digital, and 16mm movies made by film students. *Note:* the Saturday show is usually "packed," says an organizer; get there early.

WCBN-FM. FREE admission. 763–3500. Arbor Brewing Company (114 E. Washington), 8:30 p.m.

Dec. 10: **"Eegah"** (Arch Hall Sr., 1962). Low-budget rock 'n' roll sci-fi film set in contemporary Palm Springs, where a giant prehistoric caveman kidnaps the girl of his dreams. The mildly ridiculous action is highlighted by a bizarre scene involving him, her, and shaving foam. Richard Kiel, Marilyn Manning, Arch Hall Jr., Arch Hall Sr.

to save as a keepsake. *7–8:30 p.m., AADL Traverwood Branch, 3333 Traverwood at Huron Pkwy. Free. 327–8301.*

★Annual Show-and-Tell & Holiday Party: Huron Hills Lapidary & Mineral Society. Club members show their mineral specimens. *7 p.m., West Side United Methodist Church social hall, 900 S. Seventh St. Free. 665–5574.*

★"Old Barns and Country Skills of Southeast Michigan": Barnes & Noble. Retired Adrian College anthropology professor **Derek Brereton** discusses his new book that combines photos of old post-and-beam barns with stories of Michiganders carrying on traditional rural skills, from quilting to logging with teams of horses. Signing. *7 p.m., Barnes & Noble, 3235 Washtenaw. Free. 973–1618.*

★Gregory Loselle: Bookbound. This award-winning Michigan poet reads from ***About the House,*** his haunting new collection of poems that "continue to reverberate long after the last light's been switched off," says poet Janée Baugher. Signing. *7 p.m., Bookbound, 1729 Plymouth, Courtyard Shops. Free. 369–4345.*

All Choir Concert: Greenhills School. Middle and Upper school students perform songs TBA. *7 p.m., Greenhills School Campbell Center for the Performing Arts, 850 Greenhills Dr. Free. 205–4004.*

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever": EMU Theatre Department. *Dec. 5–8.* EMU drama professor Christine Tanner directs EMU drama students in Barbara Robinson's comedy about a family of hooligans who take over the Sunday school Christmas pageant. Joseph and the Wise Men get in a fight, Mary runs away with the baby, and as the miscreants lie, steal, and smoke cigars, the pageant descends into a state of raucous hilarity that harbors a heartwarming denouement. A family-oriented production for theatergoers age 6 & up. *7 p.m. (Thurs.–Sat.) & 2 p.m. (Sun), EMU Quirk Theater, Ford St. (off Lowell at Jarvis), Ypsilanti. Tickets $15 (students, $12; kids 12 & under, $7) in advance and at the door. 487–1221.*

"The Teen Experience: Stories of Strength": The Neutral Zone. Local teens present local high school student Yael Silver's play about teens who have been affected by relationship violence. Note: not appropriate for children. Q&A follows. *7 p.m., Neutral Zone, 310 E. Washington. $5. 214-9995.*

"One Sleepy Night": Hart Entertainment. *Dec. 5–7 & 14.* Local actors premiere Don Hart and Jay Sappington's new family-friendly musical about a reclusive grandfather who avoids a family shopping expedition to stay at home with his granddaughter and decorate the Christmas tree. As he tells her the Christmas story, a play within the play unfolds, with members of the modern family becoming wise men and shepherds in ancient Bethlehem. The Dec. 14 show at the Michigan Theater is preceded by Christmas carols on the organ, treats in the lobby, and (possibly) a reindeer outside the theater. *7 p.m. (Dec. 5–7 & 14) & 2 p.m. (Dec. 7), Ann Street Music Room (except Dec. 14, Michigan Theater), 812 Ann St., Ypsilanti. Dec. 5–7 tickets, $15 (kids, $8) in advance at onesleepynight.com; Dec. 14 tickets, $20 in advance at ticketmaster.com. 973–6010.*

★"Treasure Island": U-M Basement Arts. *Dec. 5–7.* Scott Crandall directs students in an evening of improvised storytelling around the themes of escapism, violence, social order, sexuality, and gender roles. *7 p.m. (Dec. 5–7) & 11 p.m. (Dec. 6), U-M Walgreen Drama Center Studio One, 1226 Murfin, North Campus. Free. basementarts.org.*

"White Christmas: The Musical": Encore Musical Theatre Company. See 1 Sunday. 3 & 7 p.m.

★Comhaltas. *Every Thurs.* All invited to join members of this local chapter of the Detroit Irish Music Association for an informal evening playing traditional Irish music on various instruments. Lessons offered. *7:30–9:30 p.m., FUMC Green Wood Church, 1001 Green Rd. at Glazier Way. Free. 255–5310.*

Ann Arbor Ski Club. *Dec. 5 & 19.* All invited to learn about the club's downhill and cross-country ski and snowboarding outings and other social activities. Refreshments. Must be 21 or older. The Dec. 19 meeting is followed by a **holiday dance** with a DJ. Bring an unwrapped toy to donate. *7:30–10 p.m., Cobblestone Farm barn, 2781 Packard. $5 (members, free). 786–2237.*

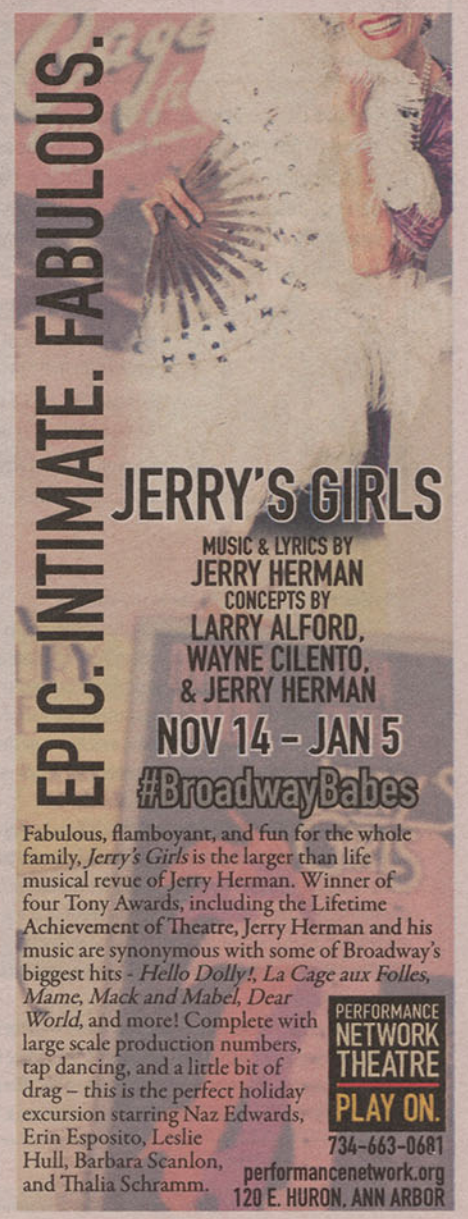
Israeli Dancing: Jewish Community Center. *Dec. 5 & 12.* Dance instructor Cheryl Felt and DJ Amnon Steiner lead a variety of Israeli dances to recorded music. Easy dances and oldies the first hour, followed by intermediate dances and requests. Beginners welcome. New dances taught each week. Wear soft-soled shoes. *7:30–10 p.m., JCC, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr. (off Stone School Rd. south of Packard). $5 (students, free). 971–0990.*

"Silent Night: the Real(ish) Story": Saline Area Players. *Dec. 5–8.* Kara Cardella directs local actors in her play that draws on historical information to reimagine how the beloved Christmas carol may have come about. The action revolves around a young priest in an Austrian village and an accidentally damaged organ. With favorite holiday tunes. *7:30 p.m. (Dec. 5 & 6), 1 p.m. (Dec. 7), & 3:30 p.m. (Dec. 7 & 8), Stone Arch Arts & Events, 117 S. Ann Arbor St., Saline. Tickets $5 (families, $25) in advance by phone or email. silentnight@salineareaplayers.org, 546–9612.*

"The Comedy of Errors": U-M Theatre Department. *Dec. 5–8.* U-M theater professor John Neville-Andrews directs U-M drama students in this early Shakespeare comedy, a high-spirited, agilely plotted, and pun-riddled farce that arises out of the unexpected reunion of 2 sets of identical twins separated at birth in a shipwreck. *7:30 p.m. (Thurs.), 8 p.m. (Fri. & Sat.), & 2 p.m. (Sun.), Power Center. Tickets $22 & $28 (students, $10) at the Michigan League Box Office in advance and at the door. To charge by phone, call 764–2538.*

"Jerry's Girls": Performance Network Professional Season. See 1 Sunday. 7:30 p.m.

★Harp Studio Recital: U-M School of Music. Students of U-M harp professor Joan Raeburn Holland perform works for solo harp. *8 p.m., U-M Music*


EPIC. INTIMATE. FABULOUS.
JERRY'S GIRLS
MUSIC & LYRICS BY
JERRY HERMAN
CONCEPTS BY
LARRY ALFORD,
WAYNE CILENTO,
& JERRY HERMAN
NOV 14 – JAN 5
#BroadwayBabes
Fabulous, flamboyant, and fun for the whole family, Jerry's Girls is the larger than life musical revue of Jerry Herman. Winner of four Tony Awards, including the Lifetime Achievement of Theatre, Jerry Herman and his music are synonymous with some of Broadway's biggest hits - Hello Dolly!, La Cage aux Folles, Mame, Mack and Mabel, Dear World, and more! Complete with large scale production numbers, tap dancing, and a little bit of drag – this is the perfect holiday excursion starring Naz Edwards, Erin Esposito, Leslie Hull, Barbara Scanlon, and Thalia Schramm.
PERFORMANCE NETWORK THEATRE
PLAY ON.
734-663-0681
performancenetwork.org
120 E. HURON, ANN ARBOR

Lively, local, relevant!
SBA Michigan Small Business Journalist of the Year

The Lucy Ann Lance Show
Monday–Friday 8 AM–11 AM
Saturday 9 AM–12 PM

Local news, interviews, & great conversation for the Ann Arbor community

On Air at 1290 WLBY
Online at www.lucyannlance.com
Produced by Lance & Erskine Communications

1290 WLBY AM
ANN ARBOR'S TALK STATION

YOU ARE INVITED TO
WHET YOUR APPETITE
ON OPENING NIGHT!

NEW EXHIBIT OPENS FRIDAY
DECEMBER 6 5-7 PM

THREE COURSES

THE MUSEUM *on* MAIN STREET
500 N. Main (at E. Kingsley & Beakes St.)
Open by appointment, call 734-662-9092
www.WashtenawHistory.org
WASHTENAW COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

FALL LEAF MANAGEMENT OPTIONS

www.a2gov.org/leaves

① **Feed your lawn with leaves by using a mulching mower!** You don't have to rake and bag leaves this fall – use a mulching mower instead. Faculty at the Turf Research Institute at Michigan State University successfully tested mulching over 18 inches of dry leaves into lawns with healthy results year after year. Mulching is the same method of leaf management golf courses around the country have been using for years, as it works very well for properties with lots of trees.

② **Use the city's weekly compostable pickup service from April through Dec. 6, 2013. Use bags or a compost cart for weekly compostable pickups.** Place leaves in large paper bags or use the optional compost carts to set at the curb before 7 a.m. on the neighborhood weekly solid waste collection day. Compost carts may be purchased for a one-time charge of $50 for any size cart (32-,64-, or 96-gallon) from the city's Customer Service and Payment Center, located at Larcom City Hall, 301 E. Huron, open weekdays 8 a.m – 5 p.m., or by calling 734.994.2807. Cart information can be found online at www.a2gov.org/carts.

③ **Compost at home.** An easy outdoor composting recipe is available online at www.a2gov.org/compost

④ **Fall leaf drop off options for City of Ann Arbor properties.** Free, unlimited leaf drop off is available between Sept. 3 and Dec. 30, 2013, at the Ann Arbor Compost Center, 4150 Platt Road, open weekdays, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. (734.794.6380) from city residents, Ann Arbor commercial properties, and/or their contracted landscapers/haulers. To deliver leaves, please follow site signs and drive across the city's recycling plant scale. Stop at the scale house window to show proof of Ann Arbor residency (driver's license or current water bill). Haulers follow a slightly different process, described online at www.a2gov.org/leaves . The free drop off is for Ann Arbor leaves, only. Other types of yard waste – or leaves from non-Ann Arbor locations – are charged at $12/cubic yard.

City residents are eligible for up to 1 cubic yard (or six yard waste bags) free leaf and other compostable material drop off at Recycle Ann Arbor's Drop Off Station, 2950 Ellsworth, 734.971.7400. The facility is open Tuesday and Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. To be eligible for the free yard waste drop off and to waive the $3 entry fee, Ann Arbor residents must show proof of residency with a driver's license or current water bill at the gatehouse window.

Frequently-Asked Questions

Why don't we store bulk leaves in the streets?
In 2010, the City of Ann Arbor transitioned away from providing two bulk street leaf pickup days per neighborhood, instead expanding the weekly curbside compost pickups to accommodate unlimited bagged leaves through mid December. The benefits include:
- Providing weekly curbside leaf pickups instead of relying on 2 seasonal street collections.
- Avoiding problems with vehicles parking over leaves on the pickup day, impeding truck collection access, and resulting in complaints from neighborhoods with street leaves left behind for a season.
- Preventing leaves from clogging storm drains and causing neighborhood flooding.
- Increasing safety for bicyclists along marked bike lanes and other streets.
- Responding to weather changes. If warm, dry weather delays the leaf drop, or early snowfall reduces the opportunity for street collection at the end of the season, every resident gets the same weekly access to pickup each year.

What are the alternatives to raking leaves to put into bags or compost carts for weekly pickup?
To eliminate raking, some people mow over leaves with the bag attached and then empty the bag into paper yard waste bags or compost carts. Some leaf blowers can operate in reverse, vacuuming up leaves to be chopped into a bag. The partially shredded leaves can also be used as mulch around gardens and landscape areas. Home composting and mulching leaves directly into the lawn are other options.

I want my lawn care service to haul away my leaves. May we rake leaves into the street and store them there for a week or so until the service picks them up?
No. If you decide to use a hauling service, you may store leaves on your extension but not in the street.

What about naturally falling leaves in the street? Do I have to pick up every leaf?
No. the city's street sweeping machines can handle normal amounts of fallen leaves, but they cannot sweep up piles of leaves.

I am not required to use a compost cart for my leaves, correct?
Correct! Paper yard waste bags may be used for leaves and other yard debris. The optional compost carts provide convenience in being able to roll around the yard while working. Those who choose to purchase and use a city-approved compost cart may also include more types of materials for composting – grass clippings, fruit and vegetable scraps, and uncoated paper plates, cups and napkins for municipal collection and processing. Paper yard waste bags are not appropriate for holding these additional, heavy, wet materials that easily leak and break through paper bags at the curb and can attract unwanted wildlife. Just a reminder, plastic bags are not accepted for leaves and yard waste because the resulting condition of the contents create lots of compost site operation problems. Plastic bags, however, continue to be acceptable for holding refuse in trash carts.

www.a2gov.org/leaves

School Blanche Anderson Moore Hall, 1100 Baits (off Broadway), North Campus. Free. 764–0594.

★Fall Concert: U-M Headnotes. This *a cappella* ensemble of law students performs pop songs such as The Darkness's "I Believe in a Thing Called Love," Taylor Swift's "I Knew You Were Trouble," Guns N' Roses's "Sweet Child o' Mine," and Jeff Buckley's "Hallelujah." *8 p.m., U-M Law Quad Lawyer's Club Lounge. Free. umlsheadnotesboard@umich.edu.*

★Jazz Lab Ensemble and Jazz Ensemble: U-M School of Music. Dennis Wilson directs the JLE in works TBA. Ellen Rowe directs the JE in works by Lee Konitz, Gordon Goodwin, Bob Brookmeyer, Quincy Jones, and U-M student Andrew Hintzen. *8 p.m., Rackham Auditorium. Free. 764–0594.*

Chicago Afrobeat Project: The Yellow Barn. This acclaimed Chicago-based world music ensemble blends afrobeat, Afro-Cuban music, funk, jazz, juju music, and rock. The band's album *Nyash UP!* "is thick with politics and passion, and nearly boiling over with simmering funk," says a Rhapsody.com review. "But while fat, familiar low brass darts in and out, that's filtered through jazz, avant-R&B, lounge and hip-hop." *8–11 p.m., Yellow Barn, 416 W. Huron. $15 (students, $10; $10 discount for Yellow Card members). ouryellowbarn.com.*

"RiffTrax Live! Santa Claus Conquers the Martians": Quality 16. Live broadcast of a "riffing" performance by former *Mystery Science Theater 3000* stars Michael J. Nelson, Kevin Murphy, and Bill Corbett, who aim their comic heckling at a screening of Nicholas Webster's 1964 sci-fi film that's a fixture on lists of the worst movies of all time. Martians kidnap Santa because there is nobody on Mars to give presents to their children—one of whom is played by the eminently forgettable Pia Zadora in her film debut. *8 p.m. Quality 16, 3686 Jackson. Tickets $14.50 in advance at gqti.com and at the door. 623–7469.*

"Yeomen of the Guard": U-M Gilbert and Sullivan Society. *Dec. 5–8.* Mitch Gillet and Laura Swierzbin direct this accomplished local town-and-gown company in Gilbert and Sullivan's only tragicomedy. Tudor-era war hero Colonel Fairfax is accused of sorcery by a greedy relative who stands to inherit a fortune if the colonel dies a bachelor. But on execution day, Fairfax asks a friend to find him a wife—any wife—so that he can foil the plot. The friend finds the humble Elsie, a traveling minstrel who is promised 100 crowns for agreeing to a temporary marriage. But at the last minute, Fairfax is smuggled out of town, and Elsie finds herself married to a man she's never met. Despite its comic plot twists, Yeomen is the only G&S operetta with an unhappy ending, which nudges its tone closer to the realm of opera. Most think that Yeomen was librettist Gilbert's attempt to soothe composer Sullivan, who had tired of their collaboration and yearned to write grand opera. *8 p.m. (Dec. 5–7) & 2 p.m. (Dec. 7 & 8), Lydia Mendelssohn Theater, Michigan League. Tickets $18 & $20 (seniors, $18; students, $10) in advance at brownpapertickets.com/event/459457. umgass.org.*

"Jig Saw": PTD Productions. *Dec. 5–8 & 12–14.* Nan Bauer directs local actors in the Midwest premiere of Dawn Powell's Depression-era comedy about a Manhattan socialite who competes with her daughter for the affections of a man. The Dec. 8 matinee begins with a brief introduction to Powell's work by Powell biographer **Tim Page.** Powell's niece, Carol Warstler, is also in attendance for that show, which is followed by a talk-back. Cast: Mark Batell, Morgan Brown, Mouse Courtois, Cyndy Franklin, Rachel Robbins Toon, Robin Kallelis, Elisha Krantz, Carla Margolis, Libby Masaracchia, Alonso Vascos, and Adam Weakley. *8 p.m. (except Dec. 8, 2 p.m.), Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron, Ypsilanti. Tickets $18 (students & seniors, $12; Thurs., pay what you can) in advance at showtix4u.com and by phone. 483–7345.*

"The Vast Difference": Purple Rose Theatre Company. See 1 Sunday. 8 p.m.

Keith Alberstadt: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. *Dec. 5–7.* A contributing writer to *SNL*'s "Weekend Update," *National Lampoon,* and several online magazines, Alberstadt is known for his clever, sharply perceptive observational humor and off-handed charm. Preceded by 2 opening acts. Alcohol is served. *8 p.m. (Thurs.–Sat.) & 10:30 p.m. (Fri. & Sat.), 314 E. Liberty. $8 (Thurs.) & $11 (Fri. & Sat.) reserved seating in advance, $10 (Thurs.) & $13 (Fri. & Sat.) general admission at the door. 996–9080.*

6 FRIDAY

★"Midnight Madness": Downtown Home & Garden. All invited for chestnuts roasted on an open fire, a surprise TBA from DH&G owner Mark Hodesh (sometime before 5 p.m.), and performances at 8 & 9 p.m. by **Our Own Thing Chorale,** the popular local chorus directed by U-M music professor emeritus Willis Patterson. *7:30 a.m.–midnight, Downtown Home & Garden, 210 S. Ashley. Free. 662–8122.*

holiday music

TubaChristmas

Warmly enveloping

In 1974, the great tuba player and educator Harvey Phillips organized a concert of tubas and euphoniums playing Christmas carols at the Rockefeller Center skating rink. It was the beginning of a tradition that's been growing ever since. In 2013 TubaChristmas celebrates its fortieth year with concerts in more than 200 communities in the U.S. and abroad.

TubaChristmas arrived in Ann Arbor in 1998, thanks to the efforts of a small group that included George Thompson and Mike Grant, who continue to organize the event and lead the concerts. The performance is held at the Ann Arbor Farmers Market on the Sunday afternoon following Midnight Madness—December 8 this year.

Usually thirty to forty tuba and euphonium players converge for the event. They meet Sunday morning, rehearse for two hours, and break for lunch, and the concert begins at 2 p.m. Players include students, amateurs, and professionals and range in age from junior high to retirees. The organizers make sure that younger players are paired with veteran participants.

People who expect that a large group of tubas could only produce a loud, murky rumbling are in for a surprise. In spite of their low range, tubas have a wonderfully clear but mellow sound and can get around with surprising agility. Tubas and euphoniums—instruments in the same family of brass but that play in a higher register—create an ensemble that's lyrical, majestic, nuanced, and warmly enveloping. There's no sound quite like it.

The best reason for experiencing TubaChristmas is that it's just plain fun. The instrumentalists play with such obvious pleasure, and the conductors lead the group with such infectious enthusiasm that it would be hard not to be drawn into the joy of the experience. The bulk of the concert is a singalong, with song sheets provided for the audience; there's nothing like being embedded in a group of people singing just for the pure fun of making music together. Whether you sing or simply listen and absorb the sounds around you, the experience is exhilarating.

TubaChristmas is a great event for audiences of all ages and attention spans. It lasts about an hour, it's informal enough that you can come and go at your leisure, and it's held under a tent, so you aren't exposed to unpredictable early December precipitation. It's also very much a family affair. Kids are encouraged to participate—at the 2012 concert, Thompson's daughter Lauren, then in kindergarten, led one of the carols.

Tuba and euphonium players interested in participating this year may register (not necessary, but you'll get additional information) by contacting George Thompson at (734) 395-9544 or at slowtoreply@gmail.com.

—Stephen Eddins

★26th Annual Hometown Holiday: Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce. *Dec. 6–8.* Family activities, including Santa visits and crafts. Gingerbread house displays in shop windows, and luminaria along Main St. in the evening. Merchant sales with entertainment and refreshments at many stores. The celebration also includes shows by the Chelsea Area Players Youth Theater and Ballet Chelsea (see Performances listings). *Dec. 6:* **tree lighting ceremony and Santa's arrival** (6–6:30 p.m., Pierce Park), **Santa's workshop** with storytelling and children's crafts (6:30–8:30 p.m., Chelsea Depot), **cookie decorating** (6:30–8:30 p.m., Chelsea Teddy Bear Company), **storytelling** (6:30–8:30 p.m., Chelsea Farmer's Supply), **Common Chords** handbell choir holiday concert (7–8:30 p.m., Chelsea District Library McKune Room), a **living Nativity** with live animals and a Christmas choir (7:30–8:30 p.m., First Methodist Church), and more. *Dec. 7:* **free breakfast with Santa** (8:30–10:30 a.m., Chelsea Comfort Inn & Village Conference Center), **gingerbread house decorating** for families (11 a.m.–noon & noon–1 p.m., First Methodist Church; space limited; preregistration required), **holiday parade** (6 p.m., Main St.), **after-parade party & community sing** led by the all-female vocal ensemble Counterpoint (7–9 p.m., Chelsea Teddy Bear Factory), the **"Great Bear Cub Run"** for kids (7 p.m., Chelsea Teddy Bear Factory), and more. *Dec. 8:* **Hometown Holiday Concert** (3 & 7 p.m., First Methodist Church) by the Chelsea Chamber Players, the First Methodist Mosaic Choir and church organist Kyle Webber, and 18–20 Chelsea High School string and vocal students. The program features Vivaldi's Magnificat, Arthur Foote's Suite for Strings, and a Christmas carol sing-along. Also, the **Holiday Festival of Lessons and Carols** (6:30 p.m., Chelsea Retirement Community Chapel), and more. *9 a.m.–10 p.m. (Dec. 6 & 7) & noon–7 p.m. (Dec. 8), downtown Chelsea. Free. 475–1145.*

★"Sovereignty's Agents: Making and Unmaking the State During the British Occupation of Manila, 1762–1764": U-M Center for Southeast Asian Studies. Talk by University of California–Santa Cruz politics professor Megan Thomas. *Noon–1 p.m., 1636 SSWB International Institute, 1080 South University. Free. 764–0352.*

★"Lunch and Learn": Temple Beth Emeth. *Dec. 6 & 20.* Rabbi Robert Levy leads an informal discussion about the intersection between religion and science. Bring a bag lunch. *Noon–1 p.m., TBE Adult Lounge, 2309 Packard. Free. 665–4744.*

★Lunchtime Tour: UMMA. UMMA staff and student docents give a 30-minute tour based on a theme in the museum's collection. *12:15–12:45 p.m., meet at the UMMA information desk, 525 S. State. Free. 764–0395.*

★Summer in South Asia Symposium: U-M Center for South Asian Studies. 2013 fellows give presentations on their experiences in India. Q&A. *4–5:30 p.m., 1636 SSWB International Institute, 1080 South University. Free. 615–4059.*

★"The Current Situation of Chinese Archaeology": U-M Confucius Institute. UCLA art history professor Lothar Von Falkenhausen discusses how far archaeology has progressed in China during the past half-century, in light of some of the many important archaeological discoveries that have been made in all parts of the country. *4–5:30 p.m., Michigan League Vandenberg Room. Free. 764–8888.*

★"Fun Friday": U-M Natural History Museum. With screenings of the 30-minute planetarium show

Organizing Services
for your Home & Office
Supportive Guidance — Custom Solutions

SPRUCED UP SPACES, LLC
Nia Spongberg || Professional Organizer
www.sprucedupspacesllc.com || Ann Arbor || (734) 531-9024

LEARN TO SKATE

Basic Skills Group Lessons

WINTER 2014
January 7 – March 1, 2014
Tuesday & Thursday, 6:15pm – 7:05pm
Saturday I, 9:15am – 10:05am
Saturday II, 10:15am – 11:05am

For ages 3 through adult
Register NOW !
$10 discount if enrolled by Fri., Dec. 27th
in the AAFSC Office, at the Ann Arbor Ice Cube

Call or e-mail for info
(734) 213-6768
aaskating@yahoo.com
or visit us online at
www.annarborfsc.org

HOCKEY CLASSES
for 3 to 6 year olds!
These classes will be held on Tuesdays from 6:15pm – 7:05pm. Classes are designed for the beginning hockey skater. It is required skaters complete the Snow Plow Sam 1 class before taking a hockey class. Equipment is recommended.

NEW
Special Olympics Competition Club
(starting in December 2013)
Therapeutic Skating
(starting in March 2014)
Contact the AAFSC Office for information

Ann Arbor Figure Skating Club

The AAFSC Office is located in the
Ann Arbor Ice Cube
2121 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor

Home Club of the AAFSC Hockettes
& 2010 Olympic Ice Dancer
Emily Samuelson

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS IN BUSINESS
Ron's Garage
Import & Domestic
Why Choose Ron's Garage?
- 3 Year, 36,000 Mile Warranty
- Free Shuttle Service
- 100% Satisfaction Guarantee
- Member of Automotive Training Institute
- After Hours Car Drop Off

Family Owned & Operated
Serving Area since 1982
1130 Rosewood St
Ann Arbor • M–F, 8a–5p
734-662-8379
See Website for Coupons
www.RonsGarageA2.com

The Perfect Gift!
• Therapeutic Massage
• Relaxation • Sports • Hot Stone
• Couples • Pregnancy
~
• Facials • Peels
• Sugaring • Exfoliations
• Body Wraps • Herbal Wraps
Buy Gift Certificates Online!
In Touch
Therapeutic Massage
734.994.7822
361 W Eisenhower Parkway • Ann Arbor
intouchtm.com

Star Talk (5:30, 6:30, 7:30, & 8:30 p.m.) about what you can see in the current night sky, a reading of astronaut Mark Kelly's ***Mousetronaut*** (6 & 7 p.m.) with images from the book projected on the planetarium dome, the interactive demo **"Cooking Up a Comet"** (6 p.m.), and 30-minute **dinosaur tours** (7 & 8 p.m.). *5–9 p.m., Natural History Museum, 1109 Geddes at North University. Free admission. Planetarium shows are $3. 764–0478.*

"Moonlight Madness Craft Show": Saline Community Education. Juried show and sale of works by more than 150 crafters. Also, concessions, bake sale, a **holiday tea** (6 p.m., cost TBA, reservations required), a **cookie walk,** screenings of the family-friendly Christmas comedy ***Elf*** (5:30 & 7:30 p.m.), cookie decorating (5–9 p.m.), a **gingerbread house display & contest** (5–10 p.m.), a kids' quilting corner (5–9 p.m.), and caricatures by Debra Adamcik (6–9 p.m.). *5–11 p.m., Saline Middle School, 7190 N. Maple, Ann Arbor–Saline Rd., Saline. $3 admission. 429–5922, 429–8020.*

★**Opera Scenes: U-M School of Music.** Robert Swedberg directs U-M opera undergrads (5:30 p.m.) & grad students (8 p.m.) in scenes from operas by Bellini, Berlioz, Britten, Mozart, Poulenc, and Verdi. *5:30 & 8 p.m., U-M School of Music McIntosh Theater, 1100 Baits (off Broadway), North Campus. Free. 764–2538.*

"5th Annual KindleFest": Kerrytown District Association. A holiday sale featuring local artisans and farmers, live music, a lantern parade, and fire pits to roast s'mores and chestnuts. Beer, mulled wine, and food available. Tonight is also **"Midnight Madness"** (6 p.m.–midnight) in the Kerrytown Market & Shops, with special holiday sales, live music, and more. *6–10 p.m., Farmers Market, Kerrytown. Free admission. 662–5008.*

★**"Open Mic & Share": Bookbound.** Local poet **Nina Simmone Cofield** reads from her work. Her most recent collection, *Echoes Resound Forever,* explores themes such as love, life, faith, and dedication. Signing. The program begins with an open mike for poets. *6 p.m., Bookbound, 1729 Plymouth, Courtyard Shops. Free. 369–4345.*

First Friday Shabbat: Ann Arbor Jewish Cultural Society. All invited for dinner, preceded by a brief Shabbat observance with songs, candle lighting, wine and challah, and discussion on a theme TBA. Children welcome. *6:30–9 p.m., Jewish Community Center, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr. (off Stone School Rd. south of Packard). $10 (family, $25). Reservations required at jewishculturalsociety.org. 975–9872.*

"Mountain Cheese Without the Mountains": Zingerman's Creamery. Zingerman's Creamery staff discuss and offer samples of 7 American cheeses from western states that use *terroir* and milk to mimic the flavors of European mountain cheeses. *7–9 p.m., Zingerman's Creamery, 3723 Plaza Dr. $30. 929–0500.*

★**Euchre Night: St. Thomas Lutheran Church.** All invited to play. *7 p.m., Freedom Child Care Center, 8753 Pleasant Lake Rd. just west of Parker Rd. Free. 663–7511.*

★**"Polar Express Pajama Party": Barnes & Noble.** Barnes & Noble staff (in costume) present an interactive reading of Chris Van Allsburg's Caldecott Medal–winning tale of a magical train ride on Christmas Eve. The reading includes the ringing of silver bells and other activities. For kids age 3 & up, who are invited to come in bedtime attire (complete with pillows and stuffed animals). Cookies & chocolate milk. *7 p.m., Barnes & Noble, 3235 Washtenaw. Free. Reservations required. 973–0846.*

Dances of Universal Peace (Sufi Dancing). All invited to join in song, chant, and circle dances in joyous affirmation of the unity of the world's spiritual traditions. *7–9 p.m., Friends Meetinghouse, 1420 Hill. $5 requested donation. 663–2037.*

★**"Midnight Madness": Main Street Area Association.** Many merchants are open late tonight with special sales. Appearances by Santa and Miss Washtenaw County. Sidewalk entertainment TBA. Also, Santa's Mailbox is accepting letters (postage to North Pole courtesy of the MSAA) Nov. 29–Dec. 17 in front of Literati Bookstore (124 E. Washington; include a return address to receive a response from Santa). *7–9 p.m. (some stores open later), Main Street shopping areas. Free admission. 668–7112.*

★**Mark Webster Reading Series: U-M English Department.** Readings by U-M creative writing grad students, including poet Rob Bruno and fiction writer Matt Robison. *7 p.m., UMMA Auditorium, 525 S. State. Free. 615–3710.*

★**U-M Residential College Drama Concentration.** U-M drama lecturer Kate Mendeloff directs RC students in scenes from ***Angels in America: A Gay Fantasia on National Themes,*** Tony Kushner's celebrated 2-play series exploring the apocalyptic fears at the heart of contemporary culture, and ***'Night Mother,*** Marsha Norman's controversial 1983 Pulitzer Prize–winning drama about a divorced woman, living with her mother, who chooses suicide in an effort to take control of her own life. *7 p.m., Keene Theatre, East Quad, 701 East University. Free. 647–4354.*

"One Sleepy Night": Hart Entertainment. See 5 Thursday. 7 p.m.

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever": EMU Theatre Department. See 5 Thursday. 7 p.m.

★**"Treasure Island": U-M Basement Arts.** See 5 Thursday. 7 & 11 p.m.

"Disco Skate": Ann Arbor Parks & Recreation. All invited to skate to 70s disco music. Prizes for best costume. *7:15–8:45 p.m., Buhr Park Ice Rink, 2751 Packard. $6 (youths age 17 & under and seniors age 60 & over, $5). $1 discount for city residents. Skate rentals available ($3). 794–6235.*

★**"Pipe Organ Showcase Concert": First United Methodist Church.** Local church organists TBA present a festive program of holiday music on the FUMC Reuter pipe organ. Reception follows. *7:30 p.m., FUMC, 120 S. State. Free. 662–4536.*

Fall Concert: Kopitonez. This U-M coed Asian *a cappella* group performs both Asian and Western songs. *7:30 p.m., 1324 East Hall, 530 Church St. $7. kopiboard@umich.edu.*

36th Annual Boar's Head Festival: Concordia University. *Dec. 6–8.* Elegantly elaborate medieval English pageant celebrating Christ's birth with a blend of religious pageantry and secular pomp. Brian Altevogt directs a large cast of Concordia students, faculty, and staff as Beefeaters, hunters, jesters, and other court characters, as well as traditional Christmas shepherds and magi. With musical narration, congregational singing, and a full orchestra. This hugely popular event sells out in advance every year. *7:30 p.m. (Dec. 6 & 7) & 4 p.m. (Dec. 8), Concordia University Chapel of the Holy Trinity, 4090 Geddes at Earhart. Tickets $8–$15 in advance at the Kreft Center Box Office. 995–4612.*

"#TrashTag": U-M Groove. This U-M student percussion-and-dance ensemble performs high-energy percussion using traditional and nontraditional instruments (trash cans, propane tanks, toothbrushes, and more). *7:30 p.m. (doors open at 7 p.m.), Michigan Theater. Tickets $8 in advance ticketmaster.com, and (if available) at the door. (800) 745–3000.*

"Don Quixote": EMU Dance Program. Wendy Dubois directs EMU dance students in her choreography of Leon Minkus's brilliantly orchestrated 1869 ballet based on an episode in Cervantes' iconic novel. The score is performed live by the **EMU Symphony Orchestra.** An abridged version of this program is presented earlier today at 10 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. in 2 free 50-minute **children's concerts** (reservations required at 487–2448). *7:30 p.m., Pease Auditorium, W. Cross at College Place, EMU campus, Ypsilanti. Tickets $10 (seniors & students, $8; children under 12, $6) in advance and at the door. 487–2282.*

"Silent Night: the Real(ish) Story": Saline Area Players. See 5 Thursday. 7:30 p.m.

★**Angell Hall Observatory Open House: U-M Student Astronomical Society.** All invited to peer through the telescopes in the observatory and on the Angell Hall roof and to view shows in the planetarium. Also, short astronomy presentations by club members. *8–10 p.m., 5th floor rooftop observatory, Angell Hall (enter through Haven Hall on the Diag side of the building). Free. 764–3440.*

★**Woodwind Chamber Music Recital: U-M School of Music.** Wind instrument majors perform in small ensembles. Program TBA. *8 p.m., U-M Music School Britton Recital Hall, 1100 Baits (off Broadway), North Campus. Free. 764–0594.*

"A Holiday Concert": Measure for Measure. This local men's chorus, directed by Pioneer High School choir director Steven Lorenz, and **The Singing Men of Ohio University** perform separate programs of holiday music. The 2 groups also come together to sing Wendell Whalum's arrangement of "Betelehemu" and Peter Sozio's arrangement of "El Yivneh Hagalil." *8 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 2250 E. Stadium. $15 (kids age 12 & under, seniors, & students with ID, $10) in advance and at the door. 649–7664.*

"58th Annual Study Break Concert": U-M Friars. This self-styled "crack squad of 'supercrooners,'" an *a cappella* octet drawn from the Men's Glee Club, performs an eclectic mix of everything from slow ballads to upbeat dance tunes to original parodies that give a college-themed twist to classic songs. *8 p.m., Rackham Auditorium. $10 (students, $5). um.friars@umich.edu.*

Don White: Green Wood Coffee House Series (First United Methodist Church). This veteran singer-songwriter from Lynn (MA), a Green Wood favorite, writes sharp-witted songs about everyday life that blend pathos, humor, and biting satire, and his live shows feature a lot of impromptu storytelling and comedy. His fans include Christine Lavin and Livingston Taylor, and he's released several acclaimed CDs, including the recent *Live in Michigan.* Desserts & coffee available. *8 p.m., FUMC Green Wood Church, 1001 Green Rd. at Glazier Way. $17 (kids age 10 & under, 2 for the price of 1) in advance and at the door. 665–8558.*

Dave Bixby: Canterbury House. This Arizona-based musician performs classic rock covers. *Ode to Quetzalcoatl,* an album he recorded in the 1960s when he was part of the Christian cult The Group, now sells for thousands of dollars on eBay. Tonight's performance is part of the Detroit-based web series Far Off Sounds and includes info about Bixby's involvement with The Group, music video, and travelogue. *8 p.m., Canterbury House, 721 E. Huron. $10 (students, $5). 665–0606.*

Dance and Related Arts Concert: U-M Dance Department. *Dec. 6 & 7.* U-M dance majors present an evening of multimedia collaborations with student and faculty composers, musicians, theatrical designers, sculptors, photographers, vocalists, and creative writers. *8 p.m. (doors open at 7 p.m.), U-M Dance Bldg. Betty Pease Studio, 1310 North University Ct. $7 at the door only. 763–5460.*

"White Christmas: The Musical": Encore Musical Theatre Company. See 1 Sunday. 8 p.m.

"Yeomen of the Guard": U-M Gilbert and Sullivan Society. See 5 Thursday. 8 p.m.

"Jerry's Girls": Performance Network Professional Season. See 1 Sunday. 8 p.m.

"The Vast Difference": Purple Rose Theatre Company. See 1 Sunday. 8 p.m.

"Jig Saw": PTD Productions. See 5 Thursday. 8 p.m.

"The Comedy of Errors": U-M Theatre Department. See 5 Thursday. 8 p.m.

Keith Alberstadt: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. See 5 Thursday. 8 & 10:30 p.m.

"Friday Night Swing (& Blues)": Ann Arbor Swing Dance Association/Ann Arbor Community of Traditional Music and Dance. *Dec. 6, 13, & 20.* Lindy hop, East Coast swing, Charleston, and Balboa dancing to music spun by DJs. Followed at 11:30 p.m. by blues dancing. No partner needed. Preceded at 8 p.m. by beginning lessons. *9 p.m.–1:30 a.m., Phoenix Center, 220 S. Main. $5 (students with ID, $3; $1 discount for AACTMAD members) includes lessons. 417–9857.*

7 SATURDAY

"Dr. Porter Synchronized Skating Classic": Ann Arbor Figure Skating Club. *Dec. 7 & 8. See review, p. 75.* 150 teams from across the U.S. and Canada compete in the largest synchronized team skating competition in the world. *8 a.m.–9 p.m. (Dec. 7) & 8 a.m.–4 p.m. (Dec. 8), Ann Arbor Ice Cube, 2121 Oak Valley Dr. at Scio Church Rd. Cost TBA. 213–6768.*

Hudson Mills Metropark Interpretive Nature Programs. *Dec. 7 & 26.* Presented by park naturalist Mark Irish. *Dec. 7:* **"Winter Hike."** A hike through the woods to see what animal life is sticking around for the winter. *Dec. 26:* **"Day after Christmas Hike."** A hike to explore winter animal life in the park. *8 a.m., Hudson Mills activity center, 8801 North Territorial Rd., Dexter. $5 (kids, $3). Preregistration required. $5 vehicle entrance fee. 426–8211.*

"Gifted Education: Kick It Up a Notch 2": Michigan Association for Gifted Children. Daylong conference with talks by various speakers on topics ranging from perfectionism to gifted boys to meeting the needs of gifted students in the classroom. *8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Emerson School, 5425 Scio Church Rd. Cost TBA. Preregistration required at migiftedchild.org. 926–4617.*

"Breakfast with Santa": Briarwood. All kids, accompanied by a parent, invited for hot breakfast, cookie decorating, and storytelling by Santa. Proceeds benefit the Family Hope Fund at Mott Children's Hospital. *9–10 a.m., California Pizza Kitchen at Briarwood. $10 in advance at the guest services booth in the Von Maur wing. 769–9610.*

Huron Gun Collectors. *Dec. 7 & 8.* About 100 dealers and collectors offer guns, knives, ammunition, and other hunting equipment for sale, including antiques and collectibles. Concessions. *9 a.m.–4 p.m. (Sat.) & 9 a.m.–3 p.m. (Sun.), Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd., Saline. Admission $4. (517) 605–0624.*

★**Annual Holiday Bazaar and Children's Faire: Rudolf Steiner School.** An artisan market, a toy room, storytelling and puppet theater, and activities, including jump rope winding and candle dipping. Musical performances, raffle, and refreshments. Preceded on Dec. 6 by an adults-only **preview night** (5–8 p.m.). *9 a.m.–4 p.m., Rudolf Steiner School, 2775 Newport Rd. Free admission. 995–4141.*

30th Annual Arts & Crafts Festival: Ann Arbor City Club. Show and sale of photography, jewelry, nature crafts, woodworking, watercolors, soaps, ceramics, textiles, chocolate, and much more by more than 60 vendors. Also, a sale of holiday greens, includ-

ing wreaths, roping, and poinsettias. *9 a.m.–4 p.m., AACC, 1830 Washtenaw. $3 admission. 662–3279.*

★**"Home for the Holidays": ShopDexter.com.** Caroling and music TBA throughout the downtown all day. The Dexter Area Museum, Dexter Senior Center, and St. Andrew's United Church of Christ host **holiday craft bazaars** (9 a.m.–3 p.m.). At 4:15 p.m. are the **5K Holiday Hustle** ($29 before Nov. 29 & $35 race weekend for adults, $24 before Nov. 29 and $30 race weekend for age 17 & under), a competitive 5-km run/walk with awards for the top 3 finishers in various age categories, and **Foresters Frozen 1-Mile Fun Run** ($24 before Nov. 29 & $30 race weekend for adults, $15 before Nov. 29 and $20 race weekend for age 17 & under), with registration available at runholiday5k.com. *9 a.m.–7:30 p.m., downtown Dexter. Free admission. 426–1175.*

★**"Comet Discovery Day": U-M Natural History Museum.** This family-oriented program features a chance to make comets and craters, and learn about telescopes, light, and waves. Comet talks at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., and screenings of ***Impact Earth,*** an audiovisual planetarium show about objects that can and do hit the Earth, on the half hour. Held in conjunction with the anticipated celestial spectacle as the newly discovered comet ISON moves away from the sun in early December. *9 a.m.–5 p.m., U-M Natural History Museum, 1109 Geddes at North University. Free admission. Planetarium shows are $5. 764–0478.*

★**"The Pension Mess for Public Employees": Gray Panthers of Huron Valley.** Talk by Washtenaw County treasurer Catherine McClary, a member of the county employees pension board. Discussion follows. Refreshments. The program begins with coffee & socializing. *9:45 a.m.–noon, U-M Turner Senior Resource Center, 2401 Plymouth Rd. Free. 995–8962.*

★**Saturday Morning Border to Border Ride: Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society.** *Every Sat.* 22-mile ride, at various paces along the Border-to-Border Trail, from Ann Arbor to Ypsilanti, to decide where to eat lunch. *10 a.m., meet at Wheeler Park, N. Fourth Ave. at Depot St. Free. 545–0541.*

★**"Holiday Nature Crafts": Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission.** WCPARC naturalist Shawn Severance leads a hike to gather berries, seedpods, pinecones, and other materials to make holiday ornaments and decorations. Other materials provided. Holiday treats. *10 a.m.–noon, County Farm Park Field Operations Bldg., next to the playground at the Platt Rd. entrance. Free. 971–6337, ext. 334.*

"Winter-Green": U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens. All kids, accompanied by a parent, invited to learn about winter greens and create an evergreen or star- and snowflake-themed decoration to take home. *10 a.m.–noon, Matthaei, 1800 N. Dixboro. $8 per child; metered parking. Preregistration requested. 647–7600.*

4th Annual Holiday Arts & Crafts Show: Ann Arbor Women Artists. AAWA members sell their work, including paintings, photographs, sculpture, glass art, jewelry, fiber art, scarves, gloves, ornaments, greeting cards, and more. *10 a.m.–4 p.m., Ann Arbor Women Artists Space, Suite 100, Jackson Square Plaza, 4844 Jackson Rd. Free admission. 975–2937.*

Holiday Sale: Ann Arbor Potters Guild. *Dec. 7 & 8.* A popular annual sale held in a heated tent outdoors. Some 40 local artists offer a large selection of functional and decorative ceramics and Christmas ornaments. Also, a kids' area with gifts priced for their budgets. *10 a.m.–5 p.m., Potters Guild Studio, 201 Hill. Free admission. 663–4970.*

★**"Mega Sale & Extravaganza": Motawi Tileworks.** Tile-making demonstrations, a tile sale, "Tile Tales" by Nawal Motawi, and more. Also, make-a-tile workshop (materials provided). Demos include hand-pressed tile and bulb glazing. Door prize, snacks, and discounts. *10 a.m.–3 p.m., Motawi, 170 Enterprise Dr. (north of Jackson Rd. between Staebler & Baker). Free admission. 213–0017.*

★**"Visit Santa!": Kerrytown Market & Shops.** *Every Sat. except Dec. 29* Humans of Ann Arbor photographer Susan K. Campbell (see "Faces of the City," p. 41) is on hand to take photos, which will be posted on one of the Kerrytown Market & Shops trees the following week. *10 a.m.–1 p.m., Kerrytown. Free. 662–5008.*

"Christmas on the Farm and at Dewey School": Waterloo Area Farm Museum. *Dec. 7 & 8.* This German immigrant pioneer homestead comes alive with the sights, sounds, and smells of a rural 1880s Michigan Christmas. Also, the log house features 1840s décor. Singers perform traditional holiday songs, and a blacksmith works at the forge. Docent-guided tours of the 2-story brick farmhouse and of the school, bake sale, and greens sale. Refreshments. *10 a.m.–4 p.m. (Dec. 7) & noon–4 p.m. (Dec. 8), Waterloo Area Farm Museum, 9998 Waterloo Rd. (left*

Michigan's LGBT/Feminist Bookstore Local-Independent- All Welcoming

LGBT Fiction & Non-Fiction • Children's Books • Women's, Studies, Gay Studies & Textbooks
Memoirs, Cookbooks, Art, & Spirituality • Pride Flags & Jewelry • Free Gift Wrap
Sexuality & Human Expression • Calendars, Cards, & Magasines
6000 Titles & Special Orders on Any Title
Gift Cards, Tea, Coffee, & Hot Cocoa

Common Language Bookstore

Dec 6th is Midnight Madness
Dec 14th Join Us for Story Time,
" The Grinch Who Stole Christmas" @ 4pm

Holiday Catalog Featuring 10-20% OFF
Selected Books, Calendars, and Gifts
December 1-7

317 Braun Court • Ann Arbor • 734.663.0036 • http://lgbtbooks.com
Open at 11 AM Seven Days A Week

pain recovery solutions
relieving pain, restoring dignity

Pain Recovery Solutions physicians recognized as
Hour Detroit Magazine's "Top Docs 2013"

L to R: Patrick Gibbons, MSW, DO; Mark Weiner, MD; Herbert Malinoff, MD; Carl Christenson, MD, PhD

The only private practice in Southern Michigan offering integrated services in Internal Medicine, Addiction Medicine and Pain Management.

Affiliated with St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Ypsilanti, MI, and the University of Michigan Medical Center

4870 W Clark Road, Suite 201 • Ypsilanti, MI 49197 • 734.434.6600
relief@painrecoverysolutions.com • www.painrecoverysolutions.com

Holiday Savings

Ms GREEN CONSTRUCTION

Ann Arbor, MI | (734) 222-0683 | Fully Licensed & Insured

WINTER IS COMING

Call Ms. Green & Be Thankful For A Warm And Efficient Home

Energy Saving Packages from Ms. Green:

*Certified Energy Audits

*Retrofit Foam Wall Insulation

*Rim Joist / Crawl Insulation

*Green Attic Insulation

*Energy Star Replacement Windows & Doors

*Efficient Composite Siding

CALL TODAY!
for your
FREE ESTIMATE
& up to
$1000 OFF*
through 12/31

DIAL 1-855-MS-GREEN NOW!

BPI Certified Professional | U.S. Green Building Council Member | ENERGY STAR | Consumers Energy Count on Us | DTE Energy | BBB Accredited Business

ENERGY SAVING EXPERTS

www.msgreenconstruction.com

*First Inspection Discount of up to $1000 on First Time Orders Only. Other Conditions May Apply. License #2102196205

off Clear Lake Rd. from I-94 exit 153), Chelsea. $5 admission (kids ages 5–12, $2; age 4 & under, free). (517) 596–2254.

"Christmas at the Mansion": Dexter Area Historical Society. *Dec. 7 & 8.* Displays of model train layouts from the Ann Arbor Model Railroad Club. Also, Santa is on hand to talk with kids. Refreshments. *10 a.m.–4 p.m., Gordon Hall, 8347 Island Lake Rd. (off Dexter-Pinckney Rd. just west of downtown Dexter). $5 (kids ages 1–7, $1). 426–4961.*

Annual Holiday Book Sale: Friends of the Ann Arbor District Library. *Dec. 7 & 8.* With used puzzles and games, along with gift-quality books and books on CD. *10 a.m.–4 p.m. (Dec. 7) & 1–4 p.m. (Dec. 8), AADL lower level, 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free admission. 302–7774.*

★**Christmas Party: Downtown Home & Garden.** Santa is on hand to talk to kids, give them Christmas oranges, and take their Christmas lists. Free roasted chestnuts, eggnog, cider, and, while they last, mouthwatering morsels of smoked Christmas turkey. *10 a.m.–1 p.m., Downtown Home & Garden, 210 S. Ashley. Free. 662–8122.*

★**"Dancing Babies": Ann Arbor District Library.** Local early childhood educator Gari Stein, director of Music for Little Folks, presents a program of music and movement for infants through 5-year-olds. *10–10:40 a.m., AADL Malletts Creek Branch, 3090 E. Eisenhower (between Stone School & Packard). Free. 327–8301.*

★**Spanish Playgroup: Manzanitas Spanish Immersion Preschool.** Spanish stories and songs geared toward kids ages 6 months to 5 years, accompanied by a parent. Siblings welcome. *10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Manzanitas, 511 Miller. Free. (Park in the church lot off Chapin.) 369–6563.*

★**Remote-Controlled Car Racing: Washtenaw RC Raceway.** *Dec. 7 & 21.* One of the largest regular gatherings of RC racers in the country features off-road dirt-track racing for stock and modified model electric trucks and buggies. Awards for the top three finishers in each class. Spectators welcome. Food concessions. *10:30 a.m.–midnight, Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. Doors open at 8 a.m. Free admission. $16 to race. (517) 960–5252.*

★**Children's Storytime: Barnes & Noble.** *Every Sat.* Storytelling programs and occasional craft activities for kids age 3 & up. *11 a.m., Barnes & Noble, 3235 Washtenaw. Free. 973–1618.*

★**Storytime: Literati Bookstore.** *Every Sat.* 15-minute story time geared toward very young children. *11 a.m., Literati, 124 E. Washington. Free. 585–5567.*

★**Storytime: Nicola's Books.** *Every Sat.* An experienced storyteller spins yarns for kids age 7 & under. *11 a.m., Nicola's, 2513 Jackson, Westgate shopping center. Free. 662–0600.*

"Annual Croissant Concert": Kerrytown Concert House. A popular holiday tradition featuring **Today's Brass Quintet,** an ensemble of area professional musicians that performs pop, classic, and holiday tunes. Today's theme is **"The Kid in All of Us."** Members are trumpeters Mitchell Wechsler and Jean Moorehead Libs, tuba player Joseph DeMarsh, trombonist Brian Robson, and French horn player Alan Taplin. Croissants, coffee, & juice. *11 a.m., KCH, 415 N. Fourth Ave. $15–$30 (students, $10). Reservations recommended. 769–2999.*

★**"Storytime at the Museum": UMMA.** U-M student docents and UMMA staffers read stories related to the art on display. Followed by an art activity. For kids ages 4–7 accompanied by a parent. Siblings welcome. *11:15 a.m., UMMA (meet at the information desk), 525 S. State. Free. 764–0395.*

Draw Doubles: Local 101 Disc Golf Club. *Every Sat.* All invited to play disc golf at one of Hudson Mills Metropark's 24-hole courses. Beginners are paired with advanced players to create parity. Prizes. Discs can be borrowed at park office. *Noon, Hudson Mills Metropark Activity Center, 8801 North Territorial Rd. (between Dexter-Pinckney Rd. & Huron River Dr.), Dexter. $7 per player; free for spectators. $5 vehicle entrance fee. 449–4300.*

U-M Men's Basketball vs. Houston Baptist. The U-M also has games this month against **Arizona** (Dec. 14, noon) and **Holy Cross** (Dec. 28, 6:30 p.m.). *Noon, Crisler Center. Ticket prices TBA at mgoblue.com/tickets. 764–0247.*

"Professor Ray's Everyday Science": Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum. *Dec. 7, 8, 21, & 22.* Museum staff give family-friendly science demos. *Dec. 7 & 8:* **"Mighty Motion"** offers gravity, inertia, and air resistance experiments, including the chance to see a tray of eggs launched with a broom. *Dec. 21 & 22:* **"Luminosity"** features experiments with light, such as making a dill pickle light up. *1 & 3 p.m., AAHOM Legacy Gallery, 220 E. Ann. $10 regular admission (members & kids under age 2, free). 995–5439.*

Artist's Open Studio and Sale. *Dec. 7 & 8.* Award-winning Chelsea artist Candace Compton Pappas shows and sells her paintings, sculpture, and cement and steel wares that range from small cups to altars. *1–7 p.m., 409 Madison, Chelsea. Free admission. 475–6059.*

★**German Family Christmas: Kempf House Center for Local History.** *Dec. 7, 8, 14, & 15.* Guided tours of this restored 19th-century Greek Revival home, which is decked out with a traditional tree and decorations and exhibits reflecting a typical early 20th-century German American celebration of Christmas. Christmas cookies. *1–4 p.m., Kempf House, 312 S. Division. Free; donations welcome. 994–4898.*

★**"Omni-Fi": U-M School of Music/UMMA.** Stephen Rush directs the U-M **Digital Music Ensemble** in an interactive concert spread throughout the museum's galleries. The ensemble uses the Internet to connect performers who are in different spaces. *1–4 p.m., UMMA, 525 S. State. Free. 764–0594.*

"Silent Night: the Real(ish) Story": Saline Area Players. See 5 Thursday. 1 & 3:30 p.m.

Gingerbread House Decorating: Cranbrook Whole Foods Market. *Dec. 7 & 14.* Demo by a Whole Foods staffer. Followed by a chance to make your own gingerbread house. Particularly geared toward kids, accompanied by a parent or grandparent. *2 p.m., Whole Foods, Eisenhower & Ann Arbor–Saline Rd., Cranbrook Village shopping center. $19.99 gingerbread house kit fee. Preregistration required. 997–7500.*

★**"You Wrote a Novel, Now What? Revising and Submitting Your Work": Ann Arbor District Library.** Kalamazoo-area writer **D.E. Johnson,** author of the acclaimed historical mysteries *The Detroit Electric Scheme* and *Motor City Shakedown,* offers tips on revising your work and how to get it published. Q&A. In conjunction with the end of National Novel Writing Month, a nonprofit promotion challenging teens and adults to write a 50,000-word novel by the end of November. *2–4 p.m., AADL Traverwood Branch, 3333 Traverwood at Huron Pkwy. Free. 327–8301.*

"Microscopic Mysteries & Histories": Leslie Science & Nature Center. Benz Microscopes owner Mike Benz displays his collection of antique and contemporary microscopes and discusses the history of optics. *3–5 p.m., Leslie Science Center, 1831 Traver. $8 (family, $30). 997–1553.*

"Strum & Drum": Oz's Music Environment. *Every Sat.* Families invited to get on stage to sing and make music on a variety of instruments. Also, at 4 p.m. on Dec. 7 only, a free **Kids Open Stage.** *3–4 p.m., Oz's, 1920 Packard. $15 per family. 662–8283.*

★**Pittsfield Open Band: Ann Arbor Community of Traditional Music and Dance.** *Dec. 7 & 21.* All musicians invited for a contra dance music open jam. Bring Judi Morningstar's *The Ruffwater Fakebook,* Susan Songer's *The Portland Collection,* and Bill Matthiesen's *The Waltz Book* if you have them. *3–6 p.m., Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. (just south of Oak Valley Dr.), Saline. Free. 994–9307.*

★**David Zinn: Common Language Bookstore.** This local street artist, best known for his green chalk-drawn creature Sluggo, discusses a new book of photos of his work. Also, a drawing demo (tentatively) and signing. *4–6 p.m., Sh/aut/, 325 Braun Ct. Free. 663–0036.*

★**Treetown Community Chorus.** David Peramble directs this independent local mixed chorus in a varied program of seasonal music, along with a doo-wop medley. Piano accompanist is Corky Landes. Followed by a potluck. *4 p.m., Gladwin barn, 4105 W. Liberty. Free; donations accepted. 355–7738.*

★**Early Music Ensemble: U-M School of Music.** This music student ensemble performs works by Byrd, Praetorius, Willaert, Telemann, J.S. Bach, Hotteterre, and C.P.E. Bach. *4 p.m., U-M Music School Blanche Anderson Moore Hall, 1100 Baits (off Broadway), North Campus. Free. 764–0594.*

"Sing Along with Santa": Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra. This popular annual family concert features a carol sing-along led by former orchestra staff member Charley Sullivan as Santa. Musicians include bassist Erin Zurbuchen and pianist Lori Zupan. Santa also reads *'Twas the Night Before Christmas.* Followed by cookies, apple cider, and photos with Santa. *4 p.m., Bethlehem United Church of Christ, 423 S. Fourth Ave. Tickets $12 (kids, $8; family of 6 or fewer, $35) in advance at the AASO office (220 E. Huron, suite 470) & at a2so.com, and at the door. 994–4801.*

★**"Miss Sunburst Beauty Pageant": Briarwood/Sunburst Beauty Pageants.** Girls and women from infants to age 27 and boys from infants to age 3 are judged on beauty, overall appearance, and personality. *4:30 p.m., Briarwood Macy's court. Free to spectators. $45–$110 to participate (preregistration required at pageantinfo.com or the mall office). 769–9610.*

★**Annual Holiday Parade: Saline Area Chamber of Commerce.** The 38th annual parade features floats, bands, baton twirlers, unicyclists, dancers, Mrs. Claus, horses, goats, dogs, Santa in his sleigh with his chief elf, a train boxcar, a hot air balloon, and more. Followed by a chance for kids to visit **"Santa's Village."** *5:30–7 p.m., downtown Saline. Free. 429–4494.*

★**"Annual Holiday Kirtan": Ann Arbor Kirtan.** All invited to join a group performance of this traditional devotional call-and-response music based on Hindu Vaishnava texts and the writings of poet/saints. Accompanied by live music based on rhythmic Indian ragas on bass guitar, tabla, and drums. The program begins with a social hour (bring a healthy snack or dessert to share). Tea is served. *6:30–9:30 p.m., Temple Beth Emeth, 2309 Packard. Free, but donations accepted. 761–7435.*

International Folk Dancing: Ann Arbor Folkdancers. Dancing to live music by Veselba. No partner needed; beginners welcome. *7–10 p.m., the barn at Gretchen's House V, 2625 Traver. $10 (students, $5). 709–8748.*

★**Maize 'n' Blue Intrasquad: U-M Men's Gymnastics.** The U-M men's gymnastics team, the defending NCAA national champion, prepares for the 2013–2014 season with an intrasquad meet. *7 p.m., Cliff Keen Arena, S. State at Hoover. $3 (youths age 12 & under, $1; U-M students, free). 764–0247.*

"17th Annual Evening of Sacred Song: A Seasonal Celebration of Peace, Community, and Spirit": Sacred Song. This ad hoc local vocal ensemble presents an evening of songs from numerous spiritual traditions worldwide. The concert features works performed with and without instrumental accompaniment. Also, sing-alongs. Performers include LaRon Williams, D. Yarrow Halstead, Edie Lewis, Laura Machida, Gae Winn, Mary Wilson, Faye Askew-King, Robin Wilson, Cassandra Compton-Montgomery, Barbara Stahler-Sholk, Deborah Greene, Jeff Pickell, Zakiyya Ali, Sam Deschamps, Everett Armstrong, Sam Clark & Band, and guest artists Me, Her and Her. Reception follows. Proceeds benefit the Jim Toy Community Center. *7 p.m., Vineyard Church, 2275 Platt. $15 in advance by Dec. 5, $20 (or what you can afford to pay) at the door. Kids under age 12, free. 761–7962, 369–4977.*

"The Nutcracker": Ballet Chelsea. *Dec. 7 & 8.* Wendi DuBois directs this Chelsea-based troupe of young dancers ages 8–18 in a production of her choreography of Tchaikovsky's ballet, with narration based on E.T.A. Hoffman's "The Nutcracker and the Mouse King." The Dec. 8 matinee is preceded at 12:30 p.m. by a **Sugar Plum Fairy Tea** ($12 in advance only) featuring cast visits and photos, and refreshments. *2 p.m. (Sat. & Sun.) & 7 p.m. (Sat.), Chelsea High School, 740 N. Freer, Chelsea. $18 (seniors age 60 & over, $15; students, $12) in advance at youthdancetheatre.org and at the door. 475–3070.*

★**U-M Residential College Drama Concentration.** U-M drama lecturer Martin Walsh directs RC students in scenes from **contemporary plays about 9/11** and from ***The Importance of Being Earnest,*** Oscar Wilde's comic masterpiece, a deliciously irreverent comedy of manners whose strongest attraction is Wilde's wonderfully etched epigrammatic dialogue. *7 p.m., Keene Theatre, East Quad, 701 East University. Free. 647–4354.*

"One Sleepy Night": Hart Entertainment. See 5 Thursday. 2 & 7 p.m.

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever": EMU Theatre Department. See 5 Thursday. 7 p.m.

★**"Treasure Island": U-M Basement Arts.** See 5 Thursday. 7 p.m.

"Drum 4 Wellness Circle": Interfaith Center for Spiritual Growth. All invited to join a drum circle. Bring a drum or use one provided. *7:30–9 p.m., Interfaith Center for Spiritual Growth, 704 Airport Blvd. $5 suggested donation. 480–1219.*

"Poetry and Popcorn": Ann Arbor Poetry Slam/The Yellow Barn. Performances by several poets TBA. Followed by a screening of ***SlamNation,*** a documentary about a novice NYC team competing at the National Poetry Slam competition. *7:30–11 p.m., Yellow Barn, 416 W. Huron. Nonperishable food donation for Food Gatherers. ouryellowbarn.com.*

★**"A Tribute to Jack O'Brien": U-M School of Music.** Brent Wagner and guest NYC music director Aaron Gandy direct U-M musical theater majors in a concert tribute to Tony Award–winning Broadway director (and U-M alum) O'Brien. The show is inspired by O'Brien's new autobiography, *Jack Be Nimble,* which includes many chapters on his life as a U-M student. *7:30 p.m., U-M Walgreen Drama Center Stamps Auditorium, 1226 Murfin, North Campus. Free. 764–0594.*

A Cappella Concert: U-M Compulsive Lyres. Performance by this coed a cappella ensemble. *7:30 p.m., 1324 East Hall, 530 Church St. $8 (students, $5). lyres-exec@umich.edu.*

"Despicable (g): Operation Parentheses": U-M Gimble. This coed *a cappella* ensemble performs Ray Charles' version of "Georgia on My Mind,"

elizabeth J INTERIORS LLC

Elizabeth Jarzembowski
BFA, Interior Design at UofM

"Room makeovers without starting over"
Full-Service Interior Design, Furniture, Custom Window Treatments, & Remodeling Design

Call for in-home consultation.
734-662-5390

mix

women's
artistically chic
new and used
apparel, accessories
and gifts

128 & 130 michigan ave.
downtown ypsilanti
734.961.8704
find us on fb at mix|newandused|ypsilanti

Become an Observer Friend

only $20/year

(If you would like to make a larger contribution, we will happily accept it!)

Thanks for supporting local journalism!

The Ann Arbor Observer staff

2390 Winewood
Ann Arbor | MI | 48103
734.769.3175
AnnArborObserver.com

Do a good
155,000 sold world-wide.
thing with
$97,000 raised for local causes.
your books.
BOOKS BY CHANCE
Consignment selling of books, CDs & DVDs.
Free pick-up. Drop-off at encore ONLINE RESALE
734-239-3172
WWW.BOOKSBYCHANCE.COM

Zion Lutheran CHURCH
CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP
5pm Worship for families with young children
7:30 & 10pm Traditional Worship with Choirs and Holy Communion
CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP
One Service at 10am
1501 W. Liberty • Ann Arbor
734.994.4455 • www.zlc-aa.org
Find us on Facebook @ Zion Lutheran Ann Arbor

Learn how to learn—meaningfully, confidently and creatively.
SUMMERS-KNOLL SCHOOL
NOW ENROLLING KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 8TH GRADE.
Rich academic experiences in an intimate and vibrant environment.
Learn more about us at www.summers-knoll.org
Plan a tour. info@summers-knoll.org | Ph. 734.971.7991
2203 Platt Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Snow Patrol's "Run," Blu Cantrell's "Hit 'Em Up Style," the Gabe Dixon Band's "Find My Way," and the Scottish folk song "The Parting Glass." *7:30 p.m., MLB Auditorium 4. $8. gimble@umich.edu.*

36th Annual Boar's Head Festival: Concordia University. See 6 Friday. 7:30 p.m.

"Milonga Picante": U-M Michigan Argentine Tango Club. Tango dancing to music spun by a DJ. *Note:* People not affiliated with the U-M must arrive before 9 p.m. *8 p.m.–midnight, Michigan Union Anderson Room. $10 (members, $5). umich.edu/~umtango.*

1st Saturday Contra: Ann Arbor Community of Traditional Music and Dance. Mark Hillegonds calls to music by the Sharon Hollow String Band. All dances taught; no partner needed. Bring flat, smooth-sole shoes. *8–11 p.m., Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. (just south of Oak Valley Dr.), Saline. $10 (members, $9; students, $5). 662–9290, 769–1052.*

"135th Annual Handel's Messiah": University Choral Union (University Musical Society). *Dec. 7 & 8.* Jerry Blackstone directs the 175-voice Choral Union, harpsichordist **Edward Parmentier,** organist **Scott Van Ornum,** and members of the **Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra** in Handel's beloved oratorio. The soloists, all established professionals with national or international reputations, are soprano **Brenda Rae,** countertenor **David Trudgen,** tenor **Benjamin Butterfield,** and baritone **Timothy Mix.** The Choral Union *Messiah,* featuring a thunderous sing-along of the "Hallelujah" Chorus, has been an Ann Arbor tradition ever since organist (and U-M president) Henry Frieze led an impromptu community chorus in the spring of 1879, a performance that led to the formation of both the Choral Union and the UMS. *8 p.m. (Dec. 7) & 2 p.m. (Dec. 8), Hill Auditorium. $10–$36, in advance at ums.org, by phone, and (if available) at the door. 764–2538.*

Nick Gerard: Canterbury House. This NYC singer-songwriter and U-M student performs his songs that are influenced by Paul Simon, Ben Harper, John Mayer, and Iron & Wine. Gerard is joined by several other U-M students, including jazz bassist John Bochnowski, jazz saxophonist Rachel Mazer, performing arts technology major Patrick Connolly, and musical theater major Reilly Richardson. *8 p.m., Canterbury House, 712 E. Huron. $10 (seniors, $5). 665–0606.*

Dance and Related Arts Concert: U-M Dance Department. See 6 Friday. 8 p.m.

★**Opera Scenes: U-M School of Music.** *Dec. 7 & 8.* Kay Castaldo directs U-M opera undergrads in scenes from operas by Mozart, Verdi, Tchaikovsky, Monteverdi, Delibus, and Stravinsky. *8 p.m., U-M School of Music McIntosh Theater, 1100 Baits (off Broadway), North Campus. Free. 764–2538.*

"A Midsummer Night's Dream": Dreamland Theater. *Every Sat. through Dec. 28.* The Dreamland Puppet Troupe presents Dreamland owner Naia Venturi's adaptation, with both Venturi's marionettes and Patrick Elkins' shadow puppets, of Shakespeare's delightful comic fantasy about a jealous tiff between the king and queen of the fairies, and the mortals snared in their mischief. With a score by Andrew Bruce Mitchell II. This project was initiated when the Dreamland puppets were used in Arnaud Desplechin's *Jimmy P.: The Psychotherapy of a Plains Indian,* a nominee for the 2013 Cannes Film Festival Palm d'Or. *8 p.m. (doors open at 7:30 p.m.), Dreamland Theater, 26 N. Washington St. Ypsilanti. $10 at the door only. 657–2337.*

"Yeomen of the Guard": U-M Gilbert and Sullivan Society. See 5 Thursday. 2 & 8 p.m.

"White Christmas: The Musical": Encore Musical Theatre Company. See 1 Sunday. 3 & 8 p.m.

"The Vast Difference": Purple Rose Theatre Company. See 1 Sunday. 3 & 8 p.m.

"Jerry's Girls": Performance Network Professional Season. See 1 Sunday. 8 p.m.

"Jig Saw": PTD Productions. See 5 Thursday. 8 p.m.

"The Comedy of Errors": U-M Theatre Department. See 5 Thursday. 8 p.m.

Keith Alberstadt: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. See 5 Thursday. 8 & 10:30 p.m.

★**"Uncle Vanya": U-M Residential College Drama Concentration.** U-M drama lecturer Kate Mendeloff directs RC students in scenes from this Chekhov masterpiece, a richly varied ensemble piece about the search for happiness—from love, achievement, or nature—at various stages of life. *8:30 p.m., RC Keene Theatre, East Quad, 701 East University. Free. 647–4354.*

8 SUNDAY

★**"Caring Santa": Briarwood.** All kids with special needs are invited for a "sensory friendly" visit with Santa. The event is held when the mall is closed

to create a calmer environment. *9–10 a.m., Briarwood. Free. 769–9610.*

★"History of Unitarianism/Universalism in the USA": Ann Arbor Unitarian Fellowship. Talk by AAUF member Dieter Vincent, a U-M nuclear engineering professor emeritus. *10 a.m., U-M Turner Senior Resource Center, suite C, 2401 Plymouth. Free. 669–9187.*

Gift-Fest 2013: Ann Arbor Artists' Collective. 15th annual holiday show and sale of original works in jewelry, ceramics, glass, fiber, paper, basketry, painting, and more by more than 25 local artists. Refreshments & a raffle of artist-made ornaments. *10 a.m.–4 p.m., Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. (just south of Oak Valley Dr.). Free admission. 272–2901.*

"Brewing Methods": Zingerman's Coffee Company. Zingerman's Coffee Co. staff demonstrate and discuss 6–8 different ways to brew coffee, from filter drip to syphon pot. *1–3 p.m., Zingerman's Coffee Company, 3723 Plaza Dr. $10. 929–6060.*

"Country Christmas": Cobblestone Farm Association. Re-creation of a mid 19th-century Christmas, with period decorations, cooking on the woodstove, and live holiday music. Also, a chance to make period holiday crafts to take home. Handmade crafts from local crafters for sale. Costumed interpreters provide tours of the restored 1844 Ticknor-Campbell farmhouse and its grounds. *Noon–4 p.m., Cobblestone Farm, 2781 Packard (next to Buhr Park). $2 (family, $5; children under 3, free). 794–7120.*

U-M Detroit Observatory. Half-hour docent-guided tours of photographs and artifacts in this restored 19th-century observatory museum. Also, a chance to pull the rope and rotate the telescope dome. *1–4 p.m., U-M Detroit Observatory, 1398 E. Ann at Observatory. $5 suggested donation (U-M students, free). 764–3482.*

U-M Women's Gymnastics vs. CMU. *2 p.m., Crisler Center. Ticket prices TBA. 764–0247.*

★"Exploring the Squiers Preserve": Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission. WCPARC naturalist Faye Stoner leads a hike through open field, mature woods, and the edge of wetlands to identify plants and look for signs of wildlife. Wear shoes or boots that can get muddy. *2–4 p.m., Sylvan Twp., call for directions. Free. 971–6337, ext. 334.*

Advanced English Dance: Ann Arbor Community of Traditional Music and Dance. Mady Newfield of St. Charles (IL) calls to live music by fiddler Susie Lorand & friends. For experienced dancers. *2–5:30 p.m., Concourse Hall, 4531 Concourse Dr. (off S. State across from the airport). $10. (248) 288–4737.*

★"Safety Pin Bracelets": Ann Arbor District Library. Craft activity for youth in grades 3–12. Materials provided. *2–3 p.m., AADL Traverwood Branch, 3333 Traverwood at Huron Pkwy. Free. 327–8301.*

★"Writing a Short Horror Story": Ann Arbor District Library. Members of the Great Lakes Association of Horror Writers and Three Corpse Circus Film Festival staff help adults and youth in grade 6 & up begin or complete a brief horror story. Also, screening of some film shorts from the festival and discussion of favorite horror film moments. *2–4:30 p.m., AADL Malletts Creek Branch, 3090 E. Eisenhower (between Stone School & Packard). Free. 327–8301.*

★"Adolph Gottlieb, Sculptor": UMMA. Docent-led tour of the current exhibit of works by this abstract expressionist best known for his paintings and his relationship to Rothko. *2 p.m., UMMA Auditorium, 525 S. State. Free. 764–0395.*

★Shape Note Singing: Ann Arbor Sacred Harp. All invited to join an afternoon of shape note, or sacred harp, singing, a form of communal hymn singing that has its roots in colonial America. Sacred Harp songbooks available, but singers encouraged to bring their own. *2–5 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Free, but donations accepted for music scholarships. 678–7549, 761–1451.*

★Boychoir of Ann Arbor: Cranbrook Whole Foods Market. This local ensemble performs holiday works. *2–3 p.m., Whole Foods Café, 990 W. Eisenhower, Cranbrook Village shopping center. Free. 997–7500.*

Ann Arbor TubaChristmas. *See review, p. 79.* All invited to bring an instrument and a music stand (with clothespins) to join around 40 players in this annual outdoor performance of holiday carols on tubas, euphoniums, sousaphones, and baritone horns. One of many outdoor concerts held today across the nation and in Canada in memory of TubaChristmas founder Harvey Phillips. Registration and rehearsal at the U-M School of Music Bldg. (1100 Baits, off Broadway, North Campus) begins at 9:30 a.m. Music books available ($16). Bring a lunch. Hats, gloves, and sunglasses recommended. *2–3 p.m., Farmers Market. $8. Free to spectators. 395–9544.*

★Holiday Concert: Dexter Community Band. Bill Gourley directs this 85-member volunteer ensemble in a program of holiday music highlighted by performances of "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas" and "Grown Up Christmas List" with guest vocalist **Chuck Colby** of Three Men and a Tenor. Also, Alfred Reed's *Russian Christmas Music,* the medley *An Irving Berlin Christmas,* and "Blue Christmas." The program concludes with a visit from Santa, who provides candy canes for kids and joins a sing-along of traditional Christmas songs. *2 p.m., Dexter Center for the Performing Arts, Dexter High School, 2200 N. Parker, Dexter. Free. 426–2734.*

Holiday Hometown Concert: Fiddlers ReStrung. This local touring teen fiddle ensemble plays traditional American fiddle songs, bluegrass, and high-energy American folk. Attendees are asked to bring a new unwrapped toy for donation to the Toys for Tots program. *2 p.m., Saline High School Ellen Ewing Performing Arts Center, 1300 Campus Pkwy., Saline. $10 (students, $5). 663–8923.*

"135th Annual Handel's Messiah": University Choral Union (University Musical Society). See 7 Saturday. 2 p.m.

"Yeomen of the Guard": U-M Gilbert and Sullivan Society. See 5 Thursday. 2 p.m.

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever": EMU Theatre Department. See 5 Thursday. 2 p.m.

"Jerry's Girls": Performance Network Professional Season. See 1 Sunday. 2 p.m.

"The Vast Difference": Purple Rose Theatre Company. See 1 Sunday. 2 p.m.

"The Comedy of Errors": U-M Theatre Department. See 5 Thursday. 2 p.m.

"Jig Saw": PTD Productions. See 5 Thursday. 2 p.m.

"White Christmas: The Musical": Encore Musical Theatre Company. See 1 Sunday. 3 p.m.

★Booked for Murder Mystery Book Club: Nicola's Books. All invited to discuss 2 Christmas-themed books. Patrick Taylor's ***An Irish Country Christmas*** concerns a small-town doc competing against a patient-poaching quack. Rhys Bowen's ***The Twelve Clues of Christmas*** is the 6th novel in her Royal Spyness series about an amateur sleuth who's 35th in line for the British throne. *3:30 p.m., Nicola's, 2513 Jackson, Westgate shopping center. Free. 769–2149.*

★Patterson & Sutton Elementary School Bookfair: Barnes & Noble. All ages invited for ***Downton Abbey*** trivia and costume contests and to join a fox hunt for a plush toy hidden in the store. Tea & cakes (bring your own teacup). *3 p.m., Barnes & Noble, 3235 Washtenaw. Free. 973–1618.*

★"A Sense of Place": Ann Arbor Civic Chorus. Linda Jones directs this 70-member local chorus in a family-friendly program that explores our place in the universe and in our own backyards, with styles ranging from romantic to modern and African to Broadway. *3 p.m., Forsythe Middle School, 1655 Newport. Free. 717–7581.*

Advent Concert at St. Thomas Catholic Church. Lucia Campbell directs the church's adult and children's choirs in a program of favorite traditional Advent hymns and other holiday songs. Accompanist is pianist Jihye Kim. *3 p.m., St. Thomas Catholic Church, Elizabeth at Kingsley. Freewill donation to support the choir pilgrimage to Italy. 761–8606.*

Winter Concert: Chaverim B'Shirim. This local Jewish choir celebrates its 20th anniversary with a program of members' favorites from early 17th-century Mantua composer Salamone Rossi's "Anima del Coro Mio" for 5 voices to Rogers and Hart's hilarious "To Keep My Love Alive." Also, a couple songs from Irving Berlin's *Annie Get Your Gun* and from the Gershwins' *Porgy and Bess,* a few songs from Adler and Ross's *Damn Yankees,* "Don Jose" from Harold Rome's *Far Rockaway,* and excerpts from the Jerry Herman musicals *Milk and Honey, La Cage aux Folles,* and *Dear World.* Followed by refreshments. *3 p.m., Jewish Community Center, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr. (off Stone School Rd. south of Packard). Donation. 663–1978, 971–0990.*

★"Cooking Up a Comet": U-M Natural History Museum. *Dec. 8, 15, 16, & 22.* Hands-on 20-minute family-oriented demo that involves making a comet, observing its changes, and exploring the methods scientists use to identify the "ingredients" of objects in space. *3 p.m. (Sat. & Sun.) & 11 a.m. (Sat.), U-M Natural History Museum, 1109 Geddes at North University. Free. 764–0478.*

Holiday Concert: Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra. This volunteer community orchestra directed by Adam Riccinto performs a program of holiday music from around the world. The orchestra is joined by guest vocalist **Aynsley Martindale,** a former Ann Arborite who has spent the past 15 years in Nashville, where she was a member of the Nashville Symphony Chorus and recorded 3 solo albums. Martindale sings excerpts from Handel's *Messiah,* along with holiday jazz favorites like "The Christmas Song" and local bassist Paul Keller's arrangement of "White Christmas." The program also features Alfred Reed's *Russian Christmas Music,* excerpts from the

AnnArborObserver.com
Ann Arbor online
Better than ever.

Infants • Children • Teens
The ADA recommends the first visit as early as one year
Pediatric Dentistry
Where Kids Come First!
MI Specialty License #14507

Kay L. Wilson, DDS
Diplomate, American Board of Pediatric Dentistry
1303 Packard | Ann Arbor | 734.662.1591
www.drkaywilson.com

RUDOLF STEINER SCHOOL holiday BAZAAR
PREVIEW NIGHT FOR ADULTS ONLY • Friday, Dec. 6, 5-8 pm

Saturday
December 7, 2013
9am-3pm
At the Lower School
2775 Newport Rd., Ann Arbor
- Jump Rope Winding & Candle Dipping
- Artisans' Market & Raffle
- Storytelling & Puppet Theater
- Children's Activities
- Music, Refreshments & Fellowship
- Toy Room

734-995-4141 ■ steinerschool.org
holidaybazaar@steinerschool.org
RUDOLF STEINER SCHOOL OF ANN ARBOR

BrightStar
LIFECARE | KIDCARE | STAFFING

MAKING MORE POSSIBLE

PRIVATE HOMECARE WHEN YOU NEED IT!

› Companion & Personal Care
› Alzheimer's & Respite Care
› Skilled Nursing Services
› Pre- & Post-Natal Support
› Pediatric Care
› 24/7 Availability
› RN Oversight

Guaranteed Compatibility ★★★★★

734 302 4215
3800 Packard Road, Suite 100C
Ann Arbor, MI 48108
www.brightstarcare.com
Independently Owned and Operated

THE JOINT COMMISSION · NATIONAL QUALITY APPROVAL

MATTHAEI BOTANICAL GARDENS AND NICHOLS ARBORETUM
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

always in season!

50 Shades of Green

A dynamic look at the color of nature

Holiday exhibit @ Matthaei Botanical Gardens
Nov. 30-Jan. 5 all events free admission

Featuring:

Nov. 30-Dec. 1: ***Holiday Open House***, 10-4:30

Nov. 30: ***Spinner's Flock Holiday sale***, 10-4

Dec. 8: ***Photo-Synthesis***: photography workshop with Michigan Photography Club, 10-2

Dec. 14: ***Winter-Green***, kids holiday greens workshop, 10-noon

Dec. 14: ***Holiday Greens Workshop***, with Ann Arbor Garden Club, 10-noon

Dec. 21: ***A Visit with Father Christmas***, 11-2

Jan. 4: ***The Creature Conservancy*** presents ***"It Is Easy Being Green!"*** Meet live animals and learn how they adapt, 11-2

Plus, seasonal flower display, inspirational ideas for holiday tree decorating, interpretive stations, and more.

1800 N. Dixboro Rd., Ann Arbor 734.647.7600 mbgna.umich.edu

Polar Express soundtrack, and "Sleigh Ride" and other Leroy Anderson favorites. *3:30 p.m., WCC Morris Lawrence Bldg. Towsley Auditorium, 4800 E. Huron River Dr. $12 (seniors & kids under age 12, $6; family of up to 2 adults & 2 kids under age 12, $30) in advance at ypsilantisymphony.org and at the door. 507–1451.*

"Silent Night: the Real(ish) Story": Saline Area Players. See 5 Thursday. 3:30 p.m.

★**Christmas Carol Sing: Kempf House.** All invited to sing carols around the Kempf House's 1877 Steinway grand piano. German holiday treats served. *4–5 p.m., Kempf House, 312 S. Division. Free; donations appreciated. 994–4898.*

36th Annual Boar's Head Festival: Concordia University. See 6 Friday. 4 p.m.

★**"Batwoman: Hydrology": Rainbow Book Club.** All invited to join a discussion of J.H. Williams, W. Hayden Blackman, and Amy Reeder's comic book about a Jewish lesbian superhero. *4:30–7 p.m., member's home TBA. Free. 763–4168.*

★**Trombone Studio Recital: U-M School of Music.** Students of U-M trombone professor David Jackson perform works by Casterede, Grondahl, Guilmant, Lebedev, Martin, Simons, Tomasi, and Wagenseil. *7 p.m., U-M Walgreen Drama Center Stamps Auditorium, 1226 Murfin, North Campus. Free. 764–0594.*

Dave Douglas Quintet: Kerrytown Concert House. The pioneering NYC-based jazz trumpeter and composer Douglas, nominated for 2 Grammies, is known for his eclectic, wide-ranging musical projects and compositions, which originated in an adventurous post-bop sound and have gone on to explore several non-jazz musical styles and idioms, including classical, European folk, and klezmer. The quintet's widely acclaimed debut album, *Be Still,* was a moving and surprising blend of jazz, devotional hymns, and folk ballads. The group's 2013 album, *Time Travel,* features a more straight-ahead jazz style in songs that "mix the knotty, rambunctious angularity of Thelonious Monk with the expansive impressionist modalism of '60s Miles Davis," writes an Allmusic.com reviewer. With saxophonist Jon Irabagon, pianist Matt Mitchell, bassist Linda Oh, and drummer Rudy Royston. *7 p.m., KCH, 415 N. Fourth Ave. $15–$35 (students, $5). Reservations recommended. 769–2999.*

"Richard II": Royal Shakespeare Company's "Live from Stratford-upon-Avon" (University Musical Society). *Dec. 8 & 11.* Taped broadcast of the RSC's live performance of Shakespeare's historical tragedy about the overthrow and eventual murder of King Richard. Directed by Gregory Doran. Stars acclaimed Scottish actor David Tennant in the title role. *7 p.m., Michigan Theater. Tickets $22 (Michigan Theater & UMS members, $18; students, $12) in advance at the Michigan League and ums.org, and (if available) at the door. 764–2538, (800) 221–1229.*

★**Opera Scenes: U-M School of Music.** See 7 Saturday. 8 p.m.

9 MONDAY

"Tiny Tot Time: Creatures of the Night": Leslie Science & Nature Center. All kids ages 1–3 (accompanied by a caregiver) invited to examine nocturnal animals in the daylight. Snacks provided; dress for the outdoors. *10–11:30 a.m., Leslie Science Center, 1831 Traver. $7 per child. 997–1553.*

★**Socrates Café: Ann Arbor Senior Center.** *Dec. 9 & 23.* All ages invited to join a philosophical discussion that draws on the Socratic method of questioning underlying assumptions. *10:30–11:30 a.m., Ann Arbor Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin. Free. 794–6250.*

★**"Annual Member's Moment Night": Ann Arbor Civil War Round Table.** Club members show and briefly discuss various Civil War–related items, including diaries, photographs, weapons, uniforms, paintings, and more. Previous highlights have included a set of very rare engraved slave tags and a stirring performance of period songs. *7 p.m., St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, 5305 Elliott Dr. (off McAuley Dr. from Huron River Dr.). Free. (517) 750–2741.*

★**"Orchestral Singing": University Philharmonia Orchestra.** Christopher James Lees conducts this music student ensemble in works by composers who specialize in vocal music, including Schubert's *Unfinished Symphony,* Rossini's Concerto for Bassoon & Orchestra with U-M bassoon professor **Jeffrey Lyman,** and Strauss's lavish and colorful *Der Rosenkavalier Suite. 8 p.m., Hill Auditorium. Free. 764–0594.*

10 TUESDAY

"Monthly Brew Tea Series": TeaHaus. *Dec. 10 & 12.* TeaHaus staffers lead tastings of 3 teas, paired with a treat made by the TeaHaus pastry chef. *10 a.m. (Dec. 10) & 7 p.m. (Dec. 12), TeaHaus, 204 N. Fourth Ave. $15. Reservations required. 622–0460.*

"The Affordable Care Act: How It Will Affect Michigan": U-M Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Distinguished Lecture Series. Talk by U-M School of Public Heath health policy professor Helen Levy. Fourth in a series of 9 monthly lectures. *10–11:30 a.m., Clarion Hotel & Conference Center, 2900 Jackson Rd. $65 (members, $45) for the 9-lecture series. Memberships are $20 a year. $10 per lecture for members. 998–9351.*

★**"Cheese Night: Create Your Own Cheese Board": Cranbrook Whole Foods Market.** American Cheese Society certified cheese professional Tonya Huffman leads tastings of various cheeses and answers questions. *6–7:30 p.m., Whole Foods Wine & Beer Bar, Eisenhower & Ann Arbor–Saline Rd., Cranbrook Village shopping center. Free. 997–7500.*

★**"Navigating Winter with Raw Foods": People's Food Co-op.** Talk by local raw foods advocate Ellen Livingston. *7–8:30 p.m., Crazy Wisdom Bookstore & Tea Room, 114 S. Main. Free. Preregistration required at the co-op or at peoplesfood.coop/news_and_events/. 994–4589.*

"Vegetarian Cooking 101 with VegMichigan: Holiday Party Favorites": Cranbrook Whole Foods Market. VegMichigan representatives demonstrate various vegan recipes. *7–8:15 p.m., Whole Foods, Eisenhower & Ann Arbor–Saline Rd., Cranbrook Village shopping center. $5; preregistration required. 997–7500.*

"Oyster & Beer Dinner": Zingerman's Roadhouse. Zingerman's Roadhouse chef Alex Young and Dogfish Head Brewery (Rehoboth Beach, DE) founder Sam Calagione host a dinner pairing fresh oysters and prepared oyster dishes with complementary beers, while also offering a chance to compare the tastes of East Coast and West Coast oysters. *7 p.m., Zingerman's Roadhouse, 2501 Jackson Rd. $70 (includes beverages). Space limited; reservations required. 663–FOOD.*

★**"Alternative Hives and Beekeeping": Ann Arbor Backyard Beekeepers.** Club members show and discuss various shapes and constructions for hives and the pros and cons of each. *7–9 p.m., U-M Matthaei Botancial Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro. Free; metered parking. brescue@att.net.*

★**"The Walrus and the Elephants: John Lennon's Years of Revolution": Barnes & Noble.** Veteran southeast Michigan freelance journalist **James Mitchell** discusses his new book about Lennon's experiences in the early 70s American antiwar counterculture. Signing. *7 p.m., Barnes & Noble, 3235 Washtenaw. Free. 973–1618.*

★**"The Upcycle: Designing for Abundance": Sierra Club Book Club.** All invited to discuss William McDonough and Michael Braungart's book that calls for not only reusing resources more effectively but also trying to improve the world. *7:30 p.m., Nicola's Books, 2513 Jackson, Westgate shopping center. Free. 971–1157.*

★**"The Places of Christmas": Washtenaw Community Concert Band.** This 80-member band is joined by several area chamber ensembles in a program of holiday music from around the world, including Mannheim Steamroller's "Hark! The Herald Trumpets Sing," Leroy Anderson's "Sleighride," Robert Smith's *Christmas in the Round,* Bobrowitz and Soper's *A Chanukah Celebration,* Scott Boerma's arrangement of "Let There Be Peace on Earth," Robert W. Smith's arrangement of *An American Christmas,* Luther Henderson's arrangement of *A Canadian Brass Christmas,* and a **sing-along** of Anderson's popular "Christmas Festival." *7:30 p.m., WCC Morris Lawrence Bldg. Towsley Auditorium, 4800 E. Huron River Dr. Free. 252–9221.*

★**Orpheus Singers: U-M School of Music.** This music student choir performs Zelenka's Magnificat in C major and *Miserere* and Britten's *Saint Nicholas.* With orchestral accompaniment directed by Jerry Blackstone. *8 p.m., Concordia University Chapel of the Holy Trinity, 4090 Geddes. Free. 764–0594.*

"Trailer Park Boys: Dear Santa Claus Tour": Live Nation. Live stage show version of this popular Canadian mock TV reality show about the misadventures of a group of Nova Scotia trailer park residents, some of whom are ex-convicts. *8 p.m., Michigan Theater. Tickets $39.50–$55 in advance at Ticketmaster.com & all Ticketmaster outlets, $42–$57.50 at the door. To charge by phone, call (866) 448–7849.*

★**Graduate Opera Scenes: U-M School of Music.** See 3 Tuesday. 5:30 & 8 p.m.

38th Annual Christmas Concert: The Willis Patterson Our Own Thing Chorale. U-M music professor emeritus Patterson directs this popular local choir in Christmas spirituals and works by African American composers. *7:30 p.m., New Hope Baptist Church, 218 Chapin. Free will offering. 769–4437.*

★**Naked Dance Trio.** Local jazz composer-pianist Stephen Rush, drummer Jeremy Edwards, and saxophonist-clarinetist-flutist Andrew Bishop are

joined by Grammy-winning bassist **Bob Hurst** and guitarist **Jonathan Edwards** in a tribute to jazz guitarist Sunny Sharrock. *10 p.m., Canterbury House, 712 E. Huron. Free. 764–3162.*

11 WEDNESDAY

"Strengthen Your Core: Back Health, Posture, and Balance": U-M Turner Senior Resource Center. Talk by U-M Health & Well-Being Services health educator Diana Rose. *10–11:30 a.m., Turner, 2401 Plymouth Rd. $5. 998–9353.*

"Touch of Thai Massage": Blue Lotus Thai Healing Studies. All invited to practice Thai massage techniques. Wear comfortable clothes. Props provided. *6–8 p.m., The Lotus Center, 2711 Carpenter. $20 in advance; $25 at the door. A2BlueLotusThai@gmail.com, 223–4156.*

U-M Women's Basketball vs. EMU. The U-M also has games this month against **Notre Dame** (Dec. 14), **Southern** (Dec. 20), and **Alcorn State** (Dec. 28). *7 p.m. (2 p.m. on Dec. 28), Crisler Center, S. State at Hoover. $7 & $8. 764–0247.*

★**MiRobotClub.** All robotics hobbyists invited to work on and discuss robots. *7–9 p.m., Maker Works, 3765 Plaza Dr. (off Airport Blvd north of Ellsworth). Free. mirobotclub.com.*

★**"Empowerment Is the Best Medicine": New Moon Midwifery.** Talk by local obstetrician-gynecologist Elizabeth Shadigian. *7 p.m., Center for the Childbearing Year, 722 Brooks. Free. 395–5868.*

★**Channeled Spiritual Discussion Group: Deep Spring Center.** All invited to share their spiritual and metaphysical questions with others with similar interests. The evening is led by Aaron, a "being of light" channeled by Barbara Brodsky, who begins with a program of **Christmas stories.** Also, socializing. *7–9 p.m., Deep Spring Center, 3820 Packard, suite 280. Free, but donations are accepted. 477–5848.*

★**Nikki Giovanni: Nicola's Books.** This renowned poet—known for her graceful yet powerful writings on race, politics, and social justice—reads from ***Chasing Utopia: A Hybrid,*** her new collection of plainspoken poignant poems that "celebrates the opportunity to 'be a truth giver/contribute/something beautiful and useful to the world,'" says a *Booklist* review. Signing. *7 p.m., Nicola's, 2513 Jackson, Westgate shopping center. Free. 662–0600.*

★**"An Evening of Poetry and Written Word": Crazy Wisdom Bookstore & Tea Room.** All invited to read and discuss their poetry or short stories. Bring about 6 copies of your work to share. *7–9 p.m., Crazy Wisdom, 114 S. Main. Free. 665–2757.*

★**U-M Zell Fellows Reading: Literati Bookstore.** Poetry and fiction readings by U-M Zell fellows. *7 p.m., Literati, 124 E. Washington. Free. 585–5567.*

Upper School Jazz Concert: Greenhills School. Students perform works TBA. *7 p.m., Greenhills School Campbell Center for the Performing Arts, 850 Greenhills Dr. Free. 204–4093.*

"Richard II": Royal Shakespeare Company's "Live from Stratford-upon-Avon" (University Musical Society). See 8 Sunday. 7 p.m.

★**University Symphony Orchestra: U-M School of Music.** Kenneth Keisler directs this music student ensemble in a program that celebrates the 100th anniversary of the birth of British composer Benjamin Britten, including Britten's rarely heard Piano Concerto with U-M piano professor **Logan Skelton,** the stunning strings-only setting of Rimbaud's prose poems from *Les Illuminations* with U-M vocal professor **Stanford Olsen,** and "Passacaglia" and "Four Sea Interludes" from Britten's colorful and poignant opera *Peter Grimes.* Preceded at 7:15 p.m. in the lower lobby by a lecture about the program. *8 p.m., Hill Auditorium. Free. 764–0594.*

★**University Choir: U-M School of Music.** Eugene C. Rogers conducts this music student ensemble in a program that explores themes of sublimity and peace, including the American premiere of Kristin Kuster's *Moonrise,* an a cappella setting of local poet Megan Levad's poetry with a soprano soloist. The program also includes Lukaszewski's *Two Lenten Motets,* Carrapatoso's Psalm CL, Paulus's "The Road Home," and Fine's *Three Choruses from Alice in Wonderland. 8 p.m., U-M Walgreen Drama Center Stamps Auditorium, 1226 Murfin, North Campus. Free. 764–0594.*

David Small & Steve Wogaman: Kerrytown Concert House. The nationally known operatic baritone Small is joined by pianist Wogaman—currently president of the Chamber Music Society of Detroit—in a program of classical music TBA. *8 p.m., KCH, 415 N. Fourth Ave. $15–$30 (students, $5). Reservations recommended. 769–2999.*

★**"Four's Company": U-M Dance Department.** Lecture-demo by U-M dance grad students featuring excerpts from their thesis works and discussion of the research behind them. *8 p.m., U-M Dance Bldg. Betty Pease Studio, 1310 North University Ct. Free. 763–5460, 763–5461.*

"The Vast Difference": Purple Rose Theatre Company. See 1 Sunday. 3 & 8 p.m.

12 THURSDAY

"Holiday Ales": Arbor Brewing Company Beer Tasting. A chance to sample and learn about some 2 dozen festive holiday ales spiced with fruit, herbs, and spices. Also, a drawing for beer-related prizes. The price of admission includes unlimited beer sampling and a German appetizer buffet. *7–9 p.m., Arbor Brewing Company, 114 E. Washington. Tickets $25 in advance, $30 (if available) at the door. 213–1393.*

★**"Storytelling for Grownups": Crazy Wisdom Bookstore & Tea Room.** Ann Arbor Storytellers Guild members present a program of personal stories and folktales for adults and youth age 14 & older. Also, time permitting, a chance for audience members to share brief stories. *7–9 p.m., Crazy Wisdom, 114 S. Main. Free. 665–2757.*

★**"Telescope: A Storyteller's Guide to the Night Sky": Ann Arbor District Library.** Talk by Headlands International Dark Sky Park (Emmet County) program director Mary Stewart Adams, a well-known star lore historian who created the current AADL exhibit *Fairy Tale Moons* (see Galleries). *7–8:30 p.m., AADL multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327–4555.*

★**"Performance Happening Holiday Party": U-M School of Art & Design/The Yellow Barn.** U-M BFA students present avant-garde dance and theater performances inspired by artists such as Yoko Ono, Marina Abramovic, Gertrude Stein, and Marcel Duchamp. *7–9 p.m., Yellow Barn, 416 W. Huron. Free. ouryellowbarn.com.*

"White Christmas: The Musical": Encore Musical Theatre Company. See 1 Sunday. 7 p.m.

★**Orchestra Concert: Pioneer High School.** Performances by the PHS Concert, Symphony, and Philharmonia orchestras. Program TBA. *7:30 p.m., Pioneer High School Schreiber Auditorium, 601 W. Stadium. Free. 994–2189.*

"Jerry's Girls": Performance Network Professional Season. See 1 Sunday. 7:30 p.m.

"Jig Saw": PTD Productions. See 5 Thursday. 8 p.m.

"The Vast Difference": Purple Rose Theatre Company. See 1 Sunday. 8 p.m.

To Hit: Kerrytown Concert House. World percussion music by this duo of Detroit-based percussionist **Mike List** and marimba player **Tim Mocny.** *8 p.m., KCH, 415 N. Fourth Ave. $10–$25 (students, $5). Reservations recommended. 769–2999.*

Tim Homayoon: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. *Dec. 12–14.* Versatile, energetic comic whose storytelling features clever premises, wild characters, and physical comedy. Preceded by 2 opening acts. Alcohol is served. *8 p.m. (Thurs.–Sat.) & 10:30 p.m. (Fri. & Sat.), 314 E. Liberty. $9 (Thurs.) & $12 (Fri. & Sat.) reserved seating in advance, $11 (Thurs.) & $14 (Fri. & Sat.) general admission at the door. 996–9080.*

13 FRIDAY

Annual Holiday Sale: Yourist Studio Gallery. *Dec. 13–15.* Show and sale of works by local ceramics artists. Tonight includes an artist reception with appetizers and desserts. *5–9 p.m. (Dec. 13), 10 a.m.–6 p.m. (Dec. 14) & 10 a.m.–4 p.m. (Dec. 15), Yourist Studio Gallery, 1133 Broadway. Free admission. 662–4914.*

"Local Jams & Local Cheese": Zingerman's Creamery. Slow Jams (Grosse Pointe) owner Shannon Byrne discusses and offers taste samples (paired with Michigan-made cheeses) of her traditional jams made with Michigan fruit. *7–9 p.m., Zingerman's Creamery, 3723 Plaza Dr. $30. 929–0500.*

★**"Festive Fridays": Main Street Area Association.** *Dec. 13 & 20.* Local entertainers stroll the sidewalks beneath trees twinkling with 100,000 Christmas lights, with many stores open late. Live sidewalk entertainment by the costumed Victorian *a cappella* ensemble Arbor Consort and other entertainers TBA. *7–9 p.m., downtown area bounded by Main, Liberty, Washington, and Fourth Ave. Free. 668–7112.*

"A Charlie Brown Christmas": Saline Varsity Blues Holiday Show. *Dec. 13 & 14.* This 100-member chorus of singers ages 7–18 presents a program of solo, duo, and small-group vocal performances of contemporary and traditional holiday songs. *7 p.m., Saline Middle School auditorium, 7190 N. Maple, Saline. Tickets (cost TBA) available in advance and at the door. 944–3162.*

"A Boychoir Christmas": Boychoir of Ann Arbor. *Dec. 13 & 14 (different locations).* Boychoir founder Tom Strode directs this local ensemble of boys ages 9–17 in its 27th annual Christmas concert. The program opens with the processional "Once in royal David's city," with the 1st verse sung by a solo boy, and concludes with John Gardner's "Tomorrow shall be my dancing day." The featured work is John Rutter's

GIVE THE GIFT OF HEALTH

There's a unique combination at the Ann Arbor Y. It's a place where the community comes together to connect, play, and discover new things. The Y offers comprehensive healthy living and learning experiences for all ages, with offerings that include fitness equipment, an indoor pool, dance and yoga classes, team sports for adults and kids, and creativity classes exploring music and art.

the YMCA

FIND OUT MORE: Stop by the Y, call 734.996.9622 or visit our website at www.annarborymca.org

THE Center FOR Brainwave Balance PLLC

Anxiety
Focus
Motivation
Depression
Insomnia

Holistic & Medication Free

Tried other approaches?
Visit our website to see how we are different.

Debra G. Hutton, PhD
Offering comprehensive psychological services for over 20 years

(734) 585-0952

centerforbrainwavebalance.com

TOP IVF LIVE BIRTH RATES IN MICHIGAN

Come see our new Ann Arbor office
Located on the corner of Industrial Hwy. and Stadium Blvd.
1000 E. Stadium Blvd., Suite 3, Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Gago Center for Fertility
GAGO IVF

At Gago Center for Fertility, we strive to provide comprehensive care that is customized in meeting the individual needs of women and couples throughout their reproductive journey. Together our team will assist in addressing all aspects of health that impact fertility. The care includes state of the art diagnostic testing, medical/surgical intervention, treatment, nutritional consultation, exercise, sexual counseling, yoga, massage, meditation, acupuncture and other support services.

Featured Services

- In Vitro Fertilization
  - Blastocyst Transfer & Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis and Screening
  - Testicular & Epididymal Sperm Retrieval Procedures
- Donor Eggs, Sperm
- PCOS Treatment
- Fertility Preservation
- Saline Infusion Sonography
- Office Hysteroscopy
- Fertility Evaluation & Personalized Care Plan
- Intrauterine Insemination

We have expanded our offices.
Board Certified Reproductive Endocrinology & Infertility Specialist

- 2250 Genoa Business Park Dr Suite 100 Brighton, MI 48114
- Ann Arbor Office: 1000 E Stadium Blvd Suite 3 Ann Arbor MI, 48104
- Lansing Office: 1515 Lake Lansing Rd Suite F Lansing MI, 48912

phone: 810.227.3232 fax: 810.227.3237
info@gagofertility.com www.gagofertility.com

ARBOR SPRINGS
WATER COMPANY
Locally owned since 1926

1440 Plymouth Rd. • Ann Arbor
CALL FOR DELIVERY 734-668-8270
arborspringswater.com

Natural Artesian Water
•
Purified Water
•
Hot & Cold Coolers
for home • office • factory

Therapy services to help you
RETURN HOME

"This is the third rehab facility I've been a resident at and the only one I always felt totally comfortable in and with awesome care. I'm a nurse and have very high standards which were met at Bluffs Park. The warmth of the staff right down from the administrator to the housekeeping crew ... they all knew me by my first name!! My experience was totally awesome! The PT and OT was knowledgeable, patient with me and always reinforced what I was able to do when I referred to what I couldn't do."
- Marilyn J.

Regency at
BLUFFS PARK

355 Huron View Blvd
Ann Arbor
734-887-8700
cienafacilities.com

the GILBERT RESIDENCE
serving seniors in our community since 1960

- Supportive Living
- Assisted Living
- Memory Support
- Nursing Care

We are excited to announce the opening of our new Memory Care Unit and "Main Street".

Main Street provides amenities to promote social engagement including a movie theatre, game room, library, wellness center, and bistro-style dining! For information or to schedule a tour, please call the Admission Director.

"Our mission is to continue a tradition of excellence by providing compassionate and dignified care for seniors in our community."

Mission Driven. Resident Focused.

(734) 482.9498 ~ www.gilbertresidence.com
203 South Huron Street Ypsilanti, MI

Dancing Day, a carol sequence inspired by Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols* that includes elaborate accompaniments and solos for harp. Also, Britten's setting of the medieval "Hymn to the Virgin," Bob Chilcott's recent setting of George Herbert's "The shepherds sing" for solo boy soprano and harp, Jonathan Willcocks' lightning-fast 21-carol setting *Christmas Pudding,* and Paul Caldwell & Sean Ivory's popular "Hope for Resolution," a tribute to Nelson Mandela composed in Anglican and Zulu styles. Audience sing-alongs of "Hark! The herald angels sing" and "O come, all ye faithful" are kicked off with a soaring Boychoir descant verse. Accompanists are First Presbyterian Church (Ypsilanti) organist Aaron Tan and harpist Brittany DeYoung. This popular annual concert usually sells out. *7 p.m. (Dec. 13), First Presbyterian Church, 300 N. Washington, Ypsilanti, & 3 & 7 p.m. (Dec. 14), First Presbyterian Church, 1432 Washtenaw. Tickets $15 (students & seniors, $10; youths 17 & under, $5) in advance at aaboychoir.org and at the door. 663–5377.*

★**Rudolf Steiner Study Circle of Ann Arbor.** *Dec. 13 & 27.* All invited to join an ongoing discussion of Steiner's *The Gospel of St. John.* Familiarity with Rudolf Steiner's basic ideas is helpful. *7:30–9:30 p.m., Rudolf Steiner House, 1923 Geddes. Free. 944–4903.*

Ballroom Dance Showcase: Ann Arbor Community of Traditional Music and Dance. Ballroom dance performances by area students and instructors. Followed by open dancing to live music by **David Swain & the II-V-I Orchestra.** Potluck (bring a dish to pass). *7:30–10 p.m., 4531 Concourse Dr. (off S. State across from the airport). $25. Reservations recommended. 478–2233.*

"Peter Pan": Young Actors Guild. *Dec. 13–15.* Sue Roe directs young local actors in a theatrical adaptation of J. M. Barrie's classic story of a boy who wouldn't grow up. *7:30 p.m. (Dec. 13 & 14) & 2 p.m. (Dec. 14 & 15), Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, 911 North University. Tickets $10 (kids, $5) in advance at aayag.org.*

"Friday the 13th": U-M Amazin' Blue. The oldest U-M coed *a cappella* ensemble performs everything from pop to R&B to traditional Irish folk music. Also, a performance TBA by a student *a cappella* or dance ensemble. *8 p.m., Rackham Auditorium. $10 (students, $8). ab.biz@umich.edu.*

The Waymores: Green Wood Coffee House Series (First United Methodist Church). In-the-round performances by this trio of Nashville-based alt-country singer-songwriters. Sally Barris writes folk- and Celtic-flavored songs that have provided hits for the likes of Martina McBride and Lee Ann Womack, and she sings in a high mountain soprano. Tom Kimmel, whose songs have been recorded by everyone from Linda Ronstadt to Johnny Cash to Maura O'Connell, is known for soulful, poetically textured songs and ballads that are both poignant and humorous. Don Henry is a Grammy-winning singer-songwriter whose songs have been recorded by the likes of Patti Page, Ray Charles and B. J. Thomas. Tonight's **"Rockin' Christmas Show"** features original Christmas and holidays songs, along with some covers and traditional holiday music. Desserts & coffee available. *8 p.m., FUMC Green Wood Church, 1001 Green Rd. at Glazier Way. $15 (kids age 10 & under, 2 for the price of 1) in advance and at the door. 665–8558.*

George Shirley Scholarship Fundraiser: Kerrytown Concert House. Detroit countertenor **Darryl Taylor** and soprano **Louise Toppin,** both internationally known operatic singers, are joined by the popular local chorus **Our Own Thing Chorale** in a program of classical music TBA. Proceeds benefit the George Shirley Scholarship for U-M voice students. *8 p.m., KCH, 415 N. Fourth Ave. $20 general admission. Reservations recommended. 769–2999.*

2nd Annual Holiday Pops Concert: Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra. Arie Lipsky directs the orchestra in excerpts from *The Nutcracker* and other seasonal works. With performances by the local men's chorus **Measure for Measure** and the **Skyline High School Bel Canto and A Cappella choruses.** *8 p.m., Hill Auditorium. Tickets $12–$60 (discounts for students & seniors; 1st-time season subscribers, buy 1 get 1 free) in advance at the AASO office (220 E. Huron, suite 470), at a2so.com, and at the door. 994–4801.*

"The Nutcracker": Ann Arbor Ballet Theater. *Dec. 13–15.* Carol Radovic directs this local dance company in its performance of Tchaikovsky's perennially popular Christmas ballet. Based on a story by E.T.A. Hoffmann, it tells the tale of a little girl whose magical nutcracker doll transports her to a fairyland on Christmas Eve. About 100 dancers perform, ranging from children to adults—some of the adult dancers have danced in the production since they were tots. *8 p.m. (Dec. 13 & 14) & 2 p.m. (Dec. 14 & 15), Power Center. Tickets $25 (students & seniors, $20; kids age 12 & under, $15) available in advance at Michigan Union Ticket Office (mutotix.com) and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763–TKTS.*

"White Christmas: The Musical": Encore Musical Theatre Company. See 1 Sunday. 8 p.m.

"Jerry's Girls": Performance Network Professional Season. See 1 Sunday. 8 p.m.

"The Vast Difference": Purple Rose Theatre Company. See 1 Sunday. 8 p.m.

"Jig Saw": PTD Productions. See 5 Thursday. 8 p.m.

Tim Homayoon: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. See 12 Thursday. 8 & 10:30 p.m.

14 SATURDAY

20th Annual Cookie Walk: First United Methodist Church. Sale of homemade cookies, including decorated sugar cookies, Russian tea cakes, chocolate crinkles, peanut blossoms, and more. Proceeds benefit church missions. *9 a.m. until sold out (often before 11 a.m.), FUMC, 120 S. State at Huron. Free admission. 662–2745.*

Annual Christmas Bake Sale: St. Vladimir Russian Orthodox Church. Christmas cookies, holiday breads, spinach pie, baklava, Russian pastries and gifts, religious items, and more. *9 a.m.–2 p.m., 9900 Jackson (2 miles west of Baker), Dexter. Free admission. 717–6814, 272–3826.*

★**5th Annual Lucy Ann Lance Hometown Christmas Radio Show.** Popular local radio personality Lucy Ann Lance hosts a live broadcast of her annual old-fashioned radio variety show with musical performances, stories, local celebrities, and more. Refreshments. The show is broadcast on 1290 WLBY and 1290WLBY.com. *9 a.m.–2 p.m., Ann Arbor City Club, 1830 Washtenaw. Free. 662–3279.*

Annual Greens Workshop: Ann Arbor Garden Club. Club member Denise Looker helps participants make a take-home wreath. Bring a vase if you wish to create an arrangement instead. Followed by a potluck. *10 a.m.–noon, Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. $15 materials fee. Reservations required. 788–3298.*

★**"Recycled Gift Wraps": Ann Arbor Solid Waste Department.** All invited to make recycled wrapping, gift boxes, and bows to take home. Followed by guided tours of the city's recycling and trash processing center. *10 a.m.–noon, Materials Recovery Facility, 4120 Platt Rd. Free. 994–2807.*

The Tiny Expo. Show and sale of holiday gifts by local artists and crafters. Preceded on Dec. 13 by a **"Brew & Browse"** sneak preview (6–9 p.m.) with music spun by DJ Jeremy Wheeler and beer and wine for sale. *10 a.m.–7 p.m., Kerrytown Market & Shops, above Hollanders. 5¢ minimum donation. info@tinyexpo.com.*

"Friends at Front Porch Holiday Sale": Front Porch Textiles. Michigan artists and crafters show and sell hand-woven textiles, handspun yarns, cards, metal and glass jewelry, pottery, ceramic art tiles, and found art. *10 a.m.–5 p.m., Front Porch Textile Studio, 1219 Traver. Free admission. underwoodfrontporch.com, 662–7134.*

★**"Baking Pizzelle": Downtown Home & Garden.** DH&G Staffer Barb Kraft shares her family recipe and demonstrates techniques for making these traditional Italian holiday waffle cookies. *10 a.m.–noon, Downtown Home & Garden, 210 S. Ashley. Free. 662–8122.*

★**"Come and Play the Acorn Way!": Acorn Glen Cooperative Preschool.** Indoor and outdoor activities and refreshments for toddlers and preschool-aged kids, accompanied by an adult. Siblings and friends welcome. *10:30 a.m.–noon, Acorn Glen Cooperative Preschool, 1547 Miller. Free. Limited off-street parking available. 585–5555.*

★**"The Twelve Days of Christmas in Michigan": Heavenly Metal.** Illustrator **Deb Pilutti** discusses this children's book, written by Susan Collins Thoms and illustrated by Pilutti, about a girl who travels with her cousin around Michigan, taking horse-drawn sleigh rides, visiting the Motor City, playing hockey, and touring lighthouses. Signing. *11 a.m., Heavenly Metal, 207 E. Ann. Free. 663–4247.*

7th Annual Holiday Artists' Studio Sale. *Dec. 14 & 15.* Show and sale of works by 6 local artists, including art books by Jean Buescher Bartlett, jewelry by Brittany Campbell, ceramics by John Leyland, silk and wool wearables and fiber art by Michele Montour, porcelain pottery and lamps by Kate Tremel, and ceramics and sculpture by Monica Wilson. Refreshments and music. *Noon–5 p.m., Tremel residence, 627 Gott St. (off Miller). Free admission. 327–3727.*

"West Side Neighborhood Art Hop." The homes and studios of several west-side artists are open for a show and sale of their art and craft items. Live music at some venues. *Noon–5 p.m., venues and map available at wsnarthop.com. Free admission. 996–0702.*

"1930s Christmas on the Farm": Saline Area Historical Society. A re-creation of a Depression-era Christmas, with natural decorations. Also, docent-

guided tours of the house and demos of a sock-knitting machine, quilting, and spinning. Gifts shop & light refreshments. *Noon–5 p.m. (Dec. 14) & 1–4 p.m. (Dec. 15), Rentschler Farm Museum, 1265 E. Michigan, Saline. Donation (kids, free). 944–0442, 769–2219.*

"Falstaff": Metropolitan Opera (Quality 16). Live broadcast of the Metropolitan Opera production of Verdi's comic masterpiece, a brilliantly balanced blend of bawdy humor and lyric beauty. Adapted from Shakespeare's *Merry Wives of Windsor,* with a few additions from *Henry IV,* the story finds Shakespeare's larger-than-life rogue wooing 2 married women for money while his own daughters steal kisses behind his back. The music, one of Verdi's most bewitching scores, is sung in Italian, with English supertitles. Stars Ambrogio Maestri. The broadcast is reprised on tape Dec. 18 (see listing). *12:55–4:15 p.m., Quality 16, 3686 Jackson. Tickets $23 (seniors, $20; kids age 12 & under & students, $13.50) in advance at gqti.com/met.aspx and at the door. 623–7469.*

"Critters Up Close!": Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum. *Dec. 14 & 15.* Leslie Science and Nature Center staff show live animals. Also, animal-oriented hands-on activities. *1–4 p.m., AAHOM Michigan Nature Gallery, 220 E. Ann. $10 regular admission (members & kids under age 2, free). 995–5439.*

★Classical Bells: Ann Arbor District Library. Darlene Ebersole directs this acclaimed Detroit-area handbell ensemble whose performances are known for their interpretive flair, technical skill, and informal choreography, along with a dash of humor. This popular annual concert showcases the group's varied repertoire of classical, inspirational, seasonal, popular, and even ragtime and swing tunes. *1–2 p.m., AADL multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327–4555.*

49th Annual Community *Messiah* Sing. All interested people capable of reading and performing the vocal parts are invited to join this friendly, informal, unrehearsed performance of Handel's beloved oratorio. Between 150 and 200 singers usually participate, including professionals, semiprofessionals, serious amateurs, families, and church choirs. A volunteer orchestra of 40 to 50 instrumentalists is also needed; prospective players should call the number below as soon as possible to ensure section balance. Directed by Richard Ingram. Scores provided, or participants may bring their own. (The Prout edition, published by Schirmer, is used.) Orchestra players should bring their own stands and be ready for a warm-up at 1:20 p.m. Cider, water, and hot tea provided; bring goodies to share. *1:45 p.m., St. Clare Episcopal Church, 2309 Packard. $5 suggested donation to help defray cost of using the building. Prospective orchestra members should contact Meg Gower at megower@umich.edu or 433–0150.*

Fall Youth Orchestra Concert: Ann Arbor School for the Performing Arts. Program includes music from *Pirates of the Caribbean,* Dvorák's Fifth Symphony, and fiddle and jazz tunes. Reception follows. *3 p.m., Clague Middle School, 2616 Nixon. $5. 213–2000.*

"A Boychoir Christmas": Boychoir of Ann Arbor. See 13 Friday. *3 & 7 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 1432 Washtenaw.*

★Children's Story Time: Common Language Bookstore. A Common Language staffer reads Dr. Seuss's *The Grinch Who Stole Christmas* Also, hot chocolate and cookies as well as coloring and other kids' activities. *4 p.m., Common Language, 317 Braun Ct. Free. 663–0036.*

★Woodland Meadows School Bookfair: Barnes & Noble. All kids invited for a scavenger hunt and other fun activities. *4 p.m., Barnes & Noble, 3235 Washtenaw. Free. Seating reservations available. 973–1618.*

★Bonnie Jo Campbell: Literati Bookstore. This Kalamazoo fiction writer, author of the 2009 National Book Award finalist *American Salvage* and the Pushcart Prize–winning short story "The Smallest Man in the World," reads from her work. According to Observer reviewer Keith Taylor, Campbell writes "brilliantly against the grain." Signing. *5 p.m., Literati, 124 E. Washington. Free. 585–5567.*

Seth Bernard & May Erlewine: The Yellow Barn. Performance by this mid-Michigan singer-songwriter duo of Bernard, a Lake City native who writes clever, funny, and candidly insightful folk-, rock-, and jazz-based songs about his life, and Erlewine, a big-voiced singer-songwriter from Big Rapids who writes thoughtful, richly emotional country-flavored songs. *7–10 p.m., Yellow Barn, 416 W. Huron. $10 (Yellow Card & Pink Punch Card holders, free). ouryellowbarn.com.*

"A Charlie Brown Christmas": Saline Varsity Blues Holiday Show. See 13 Friday. 7 p.m.

"One Sleepy Night": Hart Entertainment. See 5 Thursday. 7 p.m.

Proven, Practical and Understanding

Mediation & Resolution Specialist in Ann Arbor for over 25 years.

Divorce. Partnership Dissolution. Custody. Business and Workplace. Family. Resolution Coaching.

Zena Zumeta
Mediation Services
330 East Liberty, Suite 3A, Ann Arbor 48104
734.663.1155
www.zenazumetamediation.com

Please join us for

A Special Christmas Eve Service

Dec. 24th 7:30pm

"A Festival of Lessons and Carols"

Based upon the annual presentation at King's College, Cambridge. Readings from the Christmas Story are alternated with choral and congregational singing of carols.

First Baptist Church of Ann Arbor

Childcare provided for infants & toddlers

517 E. Washington 663-9376 • Parking at Washington St. structure • www.fbca2.org

Warmest Wishes this Holiday Season

from your friends at the

Ann Arbor Observer

Senior Care Designed for You

The University of Michigan Health System and St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor are pleased to offer Acute Care for Elders (ACE), an inpatient unit at St. Joe dedicated to providing the best possible care for older adults. Specially trained staff from both hospitals, led by a U-M geriatrician, are passionate about meeting the complex needs of senior patients. Everything from our skilled care team to safe and comfortable private rooms are designed to help provide better outcomes for older patients.

Watch our video and learn more at **www.UofMHealth.org/ACE**

HEALTH SYSTEM
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

SAINT JOSEPH MERCY HEALTH SYSTEM
A Member of Trinity Health

"Beati, Omnes": Women's Chamber Chorus. David Perample directs this independent 30-member local women's chorus in a variety of familiar seasonal holiday songs, along with contemporary pieces such as Amy Grant's "Breath of Heaven (Mary's Song)" and Allen Koepke's lighthearted contemporary-styled madrigal "Dance on My Heart." Also, a performance by the group's **Joyous Ringers** handbell choir. Piano accompanist is Andrew Anderson. *7:30 p.m., West Side United Methodist Church, 900 S. Seventh at Davis. Donations accepted. 665–9271.*

★**"A Christmas Carol": Great Lakes Branch of the Anthroposophical Society of America Christmas Festival.** London-based actor and speech therapist Matthew Dexter presents a dramatic reading of Dickens' beloved Christmas classic. Followed by holiday refreshments. *7:30–9:30 p.m., Rudolf Steiner High School, 2230 Pontiac Trail. Free; donations welcome 485–3764.*

"Peter Pan": Young Actors Guild. See 13 Friday. 2 & 7:30 p.m.

"Sherlock Holmes Ball": Grand Traditions Vintage Dance Academy Victorian Ball. Various 19th-century dances in an atmosphere that evokes Victorian London. With live music by the Mysterious Speckled Band. Victorian attire encouraged—or come as a Sherlock Holmes character. Preceded at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. by dance lessons. *7:45–11 p.m., Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. (just south of Oak Valley Dr.), Saline. $30 (includes lessons). Preregistration requested at vintagedance.com. 769–0041.*

Ballroom Dancing Night: Pittsfield Township Parks and Recreation Department. Ballroom dancing to recorded music from the last several decades. Singles and couples invited. Refreshments. Preceded at 7 p.m. by a lesson. *8–10:30 p.m., Pittsfield Twp. Recreation Hall, S. State at Ellsworth. $10. 822–2120.*

Team Isoscelove: Interfaith Center for Spiritual Growth Cafe 704 Coffeehouse. Two local trios—Team Love and Isosceles—join forces to perform an eclectic mix of jazz, pop, and Latin music. *8–10 p.m., Interfaith Center for Spiritual Growth, 704 Airport Blvd. $8 ($15 for 2). 665–0409.*

"Holiday Classical Expression": Music Under the Arch. Violinists Joseph Deller and Dan Stachyra, violists John Madison and James Greer, and cellist Brandon Cota perform classical works TBA. Dessert & beverages. *8 p.m., Stone Arch Arts & Events, 117 S. Ann Arbor St., Saline. Tickets $20 in advance only at musicunderthearch.com. 787–1428.*

Khalid Hanifi: Kerrytown Concert House. This veteran local pop-rock singer-songwriter performs originals as well as holiday music. With drummer Chuck Mauk, bassist Don Beyer, and guitarist Alex Anest. Popular local boogie-woogie and blues pianist Mark "Mr. B" Braun joins the band for a few songs. *8 p.m., KCH, 415 N. Fourth Ave. $10–$25 (students, $5). Reservations recommended. 769–2999.*

"The Nutcracker": Ann Arbor Ballet Theater. See 13 Friday. 2 & 8 p.m.

"White Christmas: The Musical": Encore Musical Theatre Company. See 1 Sunday. 3 & 8 p.m.

"Jerry's Girls": Performance Network Professional Season. See 1 Sunday. 3 & 8 p.m.

"The Vast Difference": Purple Rose Theatre Company. See 1 Sunday. 3 & 8 p.m.

"Jig Saw": PTD Productions. See 5 Thursday. 8 p.m.

Tim Homayoon: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. See 12 Thursday. 8 & 10:30 p.m.

15 SUNDAY

"Santa Central": Hudson Mills Metropark Interpretive Nature Programs. Kids invited to visit with Santa, play reindeer games, and enjoy a hayride. Snack. *10 a.m. and 12:30 & 2:30 p.m., Hudson Mills Activity Center, 8801 North Territorial Rd., Dexter. $6 per child (adults, $3; kids under age 1, free). Preregistration required. $5 vehicle entrance fee. 426–8211.*

Holiday Market: The Yellow Barn. Show and sale of art and gifts. Music and food. *11 a.m.–7 p.m., Yellow Barn, 416 W. Huron. Free admission. Prospective vendors email theyellowbarn@gmail.com. ouryellowbarn.com.*

"Art on Adare." *Dec. 15 & 16.* A holiday show and sale of jewelry, fiber, and glass art by Idelle Hammond-Sass, Annette Baron, and Carol Furtado. Refreshments. *Noon–5 p.m., 1510 Kearney at Adare (off Melrose via Tuomy from Washtenaw). Free admission. 741–4441.*

★**"Mosaic Jewelry": Ann Arbor District Library.** Mosaicgeek.com creator Shannon Kuchera shows adults and teens in grade 6 & up how to make delicate mosaics to wear as jewelry. Supplies provided. *12:30–2:30 p.m. & 3:30–5:30 p.m., AADL multipurpose room, 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327–8301.*

"Frosty on Ice": Ann Arbor Parks & Recreation. All invited to skate with Frosty the Snowman to recorded holiday music. Free candy canes. *1–2:30 p.m., Veterans Ice Arena, 2150 Jackson Rd. $6 (youths age 17 & under and seniors age 60 & over, $5). $1 discount for city residents. Skate rentals available ($3). 794–6235.*

Annual Winter Exhibition: Ann Arbor Figure Skating Club. AAFSC members of various ages and skating levels present freestyle, ice dance, and pairs performances. Also, a performance by the AAFSC Hockettes synchronized skating team. *1–3 p.m., Ann Arbor Ice Cube, 2121 Oak Valley Dr. at Scio Church Rd. Cash or canned food donation for Food Gatherers. 213–6768.*

★**"Chesstastic!": Ann Arbor District Library.** All kids and adults invited to play chess. Sets provided. *1–4 p.m., AADL Traverwood Branch, 3333 Traverwood at Huron Pkwy. Free. 327–4555.*

★**Randazzo Dance of Ann Arbor: Barnes & Noble.** This Ypsilanti-based dance company presents excerpts from its current production *Clara & the Nut* (see 20 Friday listing). *1:30–2:30 p.m., Barnes & Noble, 3235 Washtenaw. Free. 973–1618.*

Family Dance: Pittsfield Union Grange. All kids, accompanied by an adult, invited for contra and square dancing with live music by David West and Donna Baird. *2–4 p.m., Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. (just south of Oak Valley Dr.), Saline. $12 per family. 769–1052.*

★**New Design Gallery Tour: UMMA.** Docent-led tour of a new permanent installation that showcases the museum's 20th- and 21st-century holdings. *2 p.m., UMMA, 525 S. State. Free. 764–0395.*

"Light of the World": First United Methodist Church. Carole DeHart directs the church's children's vocal choirs—Epworth Choir, Carol Choir, and Cherub Choir—and Children's Handchime Choir in Mark Patterson's children's musical that blends original songs and familiar carols with narration and drama to tell the Christmas story. *2 p.m., FUMC, 120 S. State. Donation. 662–4536.*

★**Yule Ritual: Druids of Shining Lakes Grove.** All invited to celebrate the primal mother and father deities, Danu and Bel. The ritual includes singing, making an offering, and honoring ancestors and nature spirits. Also, potluck (bring a dish to pass) and raffle. *2–5 p.m., ICC Education Center, 1522 Hill St. Free. 277–1897.*

"All about the Trio": Kerrytown Concert House. U-M jazz piano professor Ellen Rowe leads her trio and guest vibraphone player Cary Kocher in a lecture-concert about the influential all-star group **Modern Jazz Quartet.** With bassist Paul Keller and drummer Pete Siers. *2 p.m., KCH, 415 N. Fourth Ave. $10–$25 (students, $5). Reservations recommended. 769–2999.*

"The Nutcracker": Dance Alliance. Lisa Darby Clark directs local dancers and members of Jazz Dance Theater in Dance Alliance's 16th annual production of Tchaikovsky's ballet. *2 & 7 p.m., Ellen Ewing Performing Arts Center, Saline High School, 1300 Campus Pkwy., Saline. Tickets $13. 429–9599.*

"The Nutcracker": Ann Arbor Dance Classics. Young local dancers perform Tchaikovsky's perennially popular Christmas ballet. *2 p.m., Milan Performing Arts Center, 200 Big Red Dr., Milan. Tickets $12. 302–4248.*

"Peter Pan": Young Actors Guild. See 13 Friday. 2 p.m.

"Jerry's Girls": Performance Network Professional Season. See 1 Sunday. 2 p.m.

"The Nutcracker": Ann Arbor Ballet Theater. See 13 Friday. 2 p.m.

"White Christmas: The Musical": Encore Musical Theatre Company. See 1 Sunday. 3 p.m.

★**Student Music Recital: Ann Arbor School for the Performing Arts.** Program TBA. *3 p.m., AASPA, 637 S. Main. Free. 213–2000.*

★**"Y Is for Yoga": Bookbound.** Local writer (and Nepal native) Anita Adhikary reads her 2012 children's book about yoga and leads a yoga session for kids. Bring a yoga mat if you wish. *4 p.m., Bookbound, 1729 Plymouth, Courtyard Shops. Free. 369–4345.*

★**Dexter Community Orchestra.** This volunteer ensemble is joined by the Dexter High School Orchestra Strings and the Washtenaw Community Orchestra Chorus and the Dexter High School Chamber Orchestra for performances of Bach's Magnificat, Schoenberg's *Friede auf Erden,* John Rutter's Gloria, and a Leroy Anderson Christmas medley. Also, the Dexter High School Concert Orchestra performs a work TBA. Anthony Elliott conducts. *4 p.m., Dexter Center for the Performing Arts, Dexter High School, 2200 N. Parker (south off Shield from Baker Rd.), Dexter. Free. 355–0725.*

"Seasonal Jubilation: Charpentier Messe de Minuit": Vocal Arts Ensemble. Benjamin Cohen directs this local chamber choir in a program highlighted

by Charpentier's glorious Baroque Christmas Mass that incorporates popular carols. The program also includes carols and works by Poulenc, Villette, and Corelli. With accompaniment by a string ensemble. Reception follows. *4 p.m., Genesis, 2309 Packard. Tickets $20 (students age 13 & older and seniors age 65 & older, $15; kids age 12 & under, free; group rates available) in advance at vocalartsannarbor.org, and at the door. 998–0115.*

★**"Traditional King's College Festival of Christmas Lessons and Carols": St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.** St. Andrew's music director Deborah Friauff directs the church adult choir, 2 children's choirs, and handbell choir in this traditional English service, in which 9 scripture readings alternate with seasonal anthems and carols, some sung by the congregation. The music begins with a haunting solo treble performance of "Once in Royal David's City." *4 p.m., St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 306 N. Division. Free. 663–0518.*

★**"Where Is Your Mind?": The Neutral Zone.** Show of art by local teens. Also, an open mike and readings by teen performance poets and short story writers. *6-9 p.m., Neutral Zone, 310 E. Washington. Free. 214-9995.*

"Ann Arbor (Mostly) Acoustic Jam": Ann Arbor Senior Center. *Dec. 15 & 29.* All singers, acoustic & electric guitarists, bassists, mandolinists, banjoists, ukulele players, percussionists, keyboardists, and other musicians invited to join organizer Michael Niemi to play folk, rock, country, or original tunes. Bring a music stand and copies of sheet music. Listeners welcome. Also, a **ukulele jam for beginners** (7:30–8:45 p.m.): bring your own instrument; no spectators. *7–9 p.m., Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin. $2 (members, free). Preregistration required for musicians at meetup.com/Ann-Arbor-Acoustic-Jam. 794–6250.*

★**"Singing Season of Peace and Joy": Northside Community Church.** Paul Clark directs the church's chancel choir and Sheree Clark directs the bell choir, along with church pianists Nate Salazar and Kathryn Goodson, and guest organists, vocalists, and instrumentalists in a program of both contemplative and exultant seasonal music, including some audience participation. The music is interspersed with readings by Cathi Feldpausch. Followed by cookies and fellowship. *7 p.m., Northside Community Church, 929 Barton Dr. Free. 662–6351.*

Fireside Festival of New Works: Performance Network. *Dec. 15–18 (different programs).* A different new play by a local playwright each night. Tonight: ***Broken Fences,*** Steven Simoncic's drama about a couple's struggle to keep their home and their identity as their west side Chicago neighborhood gentrifies. *7 p.m., Performance Network, 120 E. Huron. Tickets: whatever you can afford to pay. 663–0681.*

★**"Mixed-Up Love: Relationships, Family, and Religious Identity in the 21st Century": Temple Beth Emeth Evening in the Library.** Reconstructionist rabbi Michal Woll and Catholic writer Jon Sweeney discuss their book about the challenges of their interfaith relationship. Q&A. *7:30–9 p.m., TBE, 2309 Packard. Free, but reservations required via email to tbe_library@templebethemeth.org. 665–4744.*

16 MONDAY

★**Embroiderers' Guild of America.** Stitchers of all abilities invited to work on their projects together and learn about guild activities. Preceded at 6:30 p.m. by socializing. *6:45–9 p.m., Pittsfield Condominium Community Bldg., 2220 Pittsfield Blvd. Free to visitors ($30 annual dues for those who join). 994–4385.*

Three Men and a Tenor: Encore Musical Theatre Concert Series. *Dec. 16–18.* This popular Lansing-based quartet mixes comedy and music in **"Ha Ha Holidays,"** an *a cappella* program of original tunes and arrangements of popular songs. *7 p.m., Encore, 3126 Broad St., Dexter. Tickets $25 in advance at theencoretheatre.org and at the door. 268–6200.*

Fireside Festival of New Works: Performance Network. See 15 Sunday. Tonight: ***River City,*** Diana Grisanti's drama about a Louisville woman, shaken by her father's death, who sets off to uncover three generations' worth of family secrets. 7 p.m.

"Pet Photo Night": Briarwood. All invited to bring 4-legged, leashed, friendly pets that weigh less than 60 lbs. to have their photo taken with Santa. *8–9 p.m., Briarwood Von Maur corridor. Cost TBA. 769–9610.*

★**Student Jazz Showcase: Ann Arbor School for the Performing Arts.** Middle school, high school, and adult jazz combos perform works by Horace Silver, Hank Mobley, and others. *8 p.m., location TBA. Free. 213–2000.*

17 TUESDAY

★**Temple Beth Emeth Spirituality Book Club.** *Dec. 17 & 19 (choose one).* All invited to discuss Stephen Mitchell's ***A Book of Psalms: Selected and Adapted from the Hebrew.*** *7–8 p.m. (Dec. 17) & noon–1 p.m. (Dec. 19), TBE, 2309 Packard. Free. cantorannie@gmail.com, 665–4744.*

★**"Legends of Michigan: Cliff Keen": Ann Arbor District Library.** Former NCAA wrestling referee Dave Taylor discusses his new biography of the longtime (1926–1970) U-M wrestling coach. *7–8:30 p.m., AADL multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327–4555.*

★**"Herbal Support for Diabetes, Metabolic Syndrome, and the Pancreas": People's Food Co-op.** Talk by local holistic health practitioner Linda Diane Feldt. *7–8:30 p.m., Crazy Wisdom Bookstore & Tea Room, 114 S. Main. Free. Preregistration required at the co-op or at peoplesfood.coop/news_and_events/. 994–4589.*

★**Skazat! Poetry Series at Sweetwaters.** Reading by a featured poet TBA. The program begins with open mike readings. *7–8:30 p.m., Sweetwaters Coffee & Tea, 123 W. Washington. Free. 994–6663.*

Three Men and a Tenor: Encore Musical Theatre Concert Series. See 16 Monday. 7 p.m.

"The Nutcracker": Quality 16. Live broadcast of the **Royal Opera House** production of English choreographer Peter Wright's classic 1984 adaptation of Tchaikovsky's beloved Christmas ballet. *7 p.m., Quality 16, 3686 Jackson. Tickets $17 in advance at gqti.com and at the door. 623–7469.*

Fireside Festival of New Works: Performance Network. See 15 Sunday. Tonight: ***The Claire Play,*** Reina Hardy's romance about a poet, haunted by the death of her childhood crush, who seeks to reveal the secrets of the universe using a bicycle light and puppets. 7 p.m.

★**"Great Adventures from Around the Globe": Huron Valley Sierra Club.** Club members and others show slides of their most adventurous trips. Refreshments. Send 10–15 digital photos to lighthawkpilot@gmail.com to participate. *7:30 p.m., U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. Free; metered parking. 665–0248.*

The Moth Storyslam: Michigan Radio. Monthly open mike storytelling competition sponsored by The Moth, the NYC-based nonprofit storytelling organization that also produces a weekly public radio show. Each month 10 storytellers are selected at random from among those who sign up to tell a 3–5 minute story on the monthly theme. December theme: **"Home."** The 3 teams of judges are recruited from the audience. Monthly winners compete in a semiannual Grand Slam. Space limited, so it's smart to arrive early. *7:30–9 p.m. (doors open and sign-up begins at 6 p.m.), The Circus, 210 S. First. $5. 764–5118.*

Horizon Holiday Concert: Kerrytown Concert House. A local group of professional string players, **Horizon Strings,** performs Brahms' Viola Quintet No. 1, Mozart's Adagio and Fugue in C minor, Schubert's Cello Quintet, Corelli's Concerto Grosso in G minor ("Christmas Concerto"), and other holiday songs. With violinists Rebecca Appert-Kaltz and Phoebe Gelzer-Govatos; violists Alexandra Ostroff, Susan Schreiber, and Paul Cheng; and cellists Martin Guerra, Michelle Kulwicki, Travis Kulwicki, and Mike Karoub. *8 p.m., KCH, 415 N. Fourth Ave. $10–$25 (students, $5). Reservations recommended. 769–2999.*

18 WEDNESDAY

Book Club: Ann Arbor Senior Center. All ages invited to join a discussion of a book TBA. *12:30–2 p.m., Ann Arbor Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin. $2 (members, free). 794–6250.*

★**"Between Religious and Secular: Impact of the 1908 Revolution on Religious Politics in the Ottoman Empire": U-M Armenian Studies Program.** Talk by University of Nebraska history professor Bedross Der Matossian. *4–6 p.m., 1636 SSWB, 1080 South University. Free. 647–2743.*

Metropolitan Opera (Quality 16). See 14 Saturday. 6:30–9:45 p.m.

★**"Drummunity!"** Lori Fithian, a local drummer and drum teacher, leads a drum circle. Instruments provided, or bring your own. Kids welcome. Preceded at 6:45 p.m. by a brief drum lesson. *7–9 p.m., Crazy Wisdom Bookstore, 114 S. Main. Free. 426–7818.*

Three Men and a Tenor: Encore Musical Theatre Concert Series. See 16 Monday. 7 p.m.

Fireside Festival of New Works: Performance Network. See 15 Sunday. Tonight: ***Old Bones,*** Linda Ramsay's drama about 2 sisters, back home after their famed anthropologist father's death to make peace with his memory and with each other, who un-

Michigan Hospice

"Peace for Everyone"

Hospice care for adults who are terminal, life-limited, or declining from old age.

We can transition your journey into peaceful, comfort driven transition in your own home.

For patients of Michigan Hospice, we offer a consultation with a Green Burial provider.

A registered nurse is available 24/7 to address the needs of our patients and their loved ones either by phone or in person.

Medicare accredited with most insurances accepted.

"Let *our* family help *yours*."

(734)677-0077 or (866)765-4377
michiganhospice@yahoo.com
www.mihospice.com

ASSISTED LOVING

Some call it Assisted Living, but that's not really it. At Silver Maples of Chelsea, we like to call it, *assisted loving*, where you're offered an extra helping hand when it's needed and enjoy carefree independence when you don't.

Silver Maples really appreciates and respects your routines and personality. So, if *assisted loving* is just what you've been looking for, come by and check it out.

Whether it's just for the day, the week, or the rest of your life, Silver Maples is your retirement neighborhood.

SILVER MAPLES
of Chelsea
RETIREMENT NEIGHBORHOOD

PRIVATE ASSISTED LIVING APARTMENTS
SHORT STAYS • DAY PROGRAM

734.475.4111
www.silvermaples.org

Locally-Owned, Non-Profit Jointly Sponsored by the Chelsea-Area Wellness Foundation and United Methodist Retirement Communities, Inc.

WINTER STREET MAINTENANCE

The City of Ann Arbor performs a variety of winter street maintenance procedures depending upon the type and amount of precipitation. Generally the categories are described as "light snow," "heavy snow," and "snow emergency." In addition the city is dependent upon its citizens for providing sidewalk snow removal.

For up-to-date snow plow status information during winter storms, please use the online snow plow Automated Vehicle Locator (AVL) tracking system. A full report of the city's street snow and ice maintenance procedures, videos on snow removal and safety guidelines, and link to the online snowplow tracking system are posted at www.a2gov.org/snow.

In the event of a snow emergency, information is also posted on the city's Web page at www.a2gov.org and via Cable Television Network (CTN) Channel 16.

LIGHT SNOW

When there is light snow or ice on road surfaces, approximately 98 miles of major streets are treated with chemical de-icing agents. There are eight salt routes within the city. During periods when salting is required and extra personnel are available, more than one unit may be assigned to a route or trouble spots. The street maintenance crews may use between 200 and 500 tons of salt in conjunction with plowing efforts to control a snowfall of up to four inches on major streets. There are several considerations used to determine the best application of the de-icing agents including total amount of snow or ice expected, time frame, temperatures, etc. The streets treated include high volume streets, bridges, signalized intersections, and selected streets with curves or intersections with stop signs. The response starts when the snowfall begins and takes four to five hours to complete after the snow has stopped.

When the major streets are treated for snow and ice, street maintenance crews move into residential areas with additional traction agents, such as sand, to provide better traction to select trouble spots. It takes up to 200 tons of sand per storm in the residential areas when and where road conditions warrant sanding.

HEAVY SNOW

When a snowfall of four inches or more occurs, street plowing begins. The city utilizes all salt/plow trucks and staff available in field operations, including the street maintenance, solid waste, utilities and parks staff and vehicles in a coordinated effort to treat all streets in the city. While the regular street maintenance crews focus on treating the major streets, the other crews begin treating residential streets, beginning with the routes next scheduled for refuse pick-up if containers are not already out at the curb. A variety of smaller trucks and equipment is used to treat dead ends and cul-de-sacs in the residential areas once the through streets have been treated. When the street maintenance crews have completed the major streets, crews and equipment are sent to apply sand in the residential areas.

Winter maintenance equipment is staffed on a 24-hour per day schedule (12-hour shifts) until all city-maintained streets are treated. The city's goal is to treat all major and residential streets within 24 hours of an "average" four-inch snowstorm. The Snow Desk is staffed 7:00 A.M. – 11:00 P.M. to answer citizen questions during residential operations at 734.794.6367.

Citizens are encouraged to remove cars from curbside parking to allow for effective street plowing. All schools and privately owned areas provide their own de-icing and plowing.

SNOW EMERGENCY

During a snow emergency, special parking restrictions go into effect for designated streets in the city.

City Code (Chapter 126, Section 10:143) empowers the city administrator to declare a "snow emergency" during a severe winter storm. Where street parking is normally permitted, restrictions go into effect to allow curbside access to city crews to treat the street surfaces. "Snow emergency" streets must be kept clear of parked cars at all times during the "snow emergency." If a vehicle is parked on a "snow emergency" street, it may be ticketed and towed.

Up-to-date information regarding current parking restrictions and progress can be found on CTN channel 16 and the city's Web page at www.a2gov.org or by calling the Snow Desk at 734.794.6367.

SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL

The city reminds property owners or occupants that all snow and ice that has accumulated on the adjacent public sidewalk prior to 6 a.m. must be removed by noon from non-residentially zoned properties. Immediately after the accumulation of ice on such a sidewalk it must be treated with sand, salt or other substance to prevent it from being slippery. Within 24 hours after the end of each accumulation of snow greater than 1 inch, the owner of every residentially zoned property must remove the accumulation from the adjacent public sidewalk and ramps leading to a crosswalk. Ice must be treated as mentioned above and removed within 24 hours after formation.

If a citizen has a concern regarding sidewalk snow removal 24 hours after the end of an accumulation greater than one inch, Community Standards is ready to help. Citizens may call (734) 794-6942 (M-F, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) to report locations that may be in violation of the city snow removal ordinance. When calling, citizens should be prepared to leave their name and number in case staff requires additional information. Caller's names and numbers are kept in strict confidence and are only used to process service requests.

During the winter the city provides residents with up to one, five-gallon bucket's worth of a sand and salt mixture, per visit to the maintenance yard, 721 N. Main. Residents should bring their own shovel and bucket and self-load this material from the marked pile located next to the entrance gate. This material is intended for city residents only, and not for contractors, even if servicing sidewalks.

STREET SNOW & ICE CONTROL PRACTICES

Each snow event requires that the operation varies in the amount of service performed and the personnel and equipment needed. For example, if the potential for freezing conditions exists, a salting operation would be initiated to melt snow or ice accumulated in depth less than approximately one inch, or to prevent the bonding of packed snow to the pavement. If the snow and ice accumulation continues, and if the de-icing of major streets ceases to be effective, then the city changes from a de-icing configuration to a snow plowing and snow removal operation. Plowing would be initiated if a snow accumulation of approximately four inches or more existed. Upon notification of an impending snowstorm, a decision is made to implement operations for clearing city streets. Back-to-back snow events less than four inches may cause the need for plowing, even though the events individually would not have warranted plowing.

During plowing operations it is an unavoidable consequence that snow will be moved into driveways and some sidewalks as it is pushed by the plows. During major events field operations maintains an online snow desk to assist property owners in tracking the progression of winter maintenance. Citizens may call 734.794.6367 or consult the www.a2gov.org/snow Web page for up-to-date information.

During an event the emphasis is to keep the major streets open and passable to traffic. Once the snow or ice event ceases, then efforts continue with the plowing of major streets, sometimes followed immediately by the application of additional de-icing materials, and then will shift into a program of plowing residential streets.

Winter maintenance of on-road bike lanes is performed in conjunction with operations on the adjacent road.

The goal is to have all streets treated within 24 hours of the end of an average four-inch snow or ice event. Other follow-up activities include the treatment of intersections, hills, curves, and other critical areas on residential streets, both in response to historical problems and new problems as they are called in.

WASTE & RECYCLING

Place trash and recycling carts in a clear street or driveway by 7 a.m. on your weekly collection day, with 3' between each cart. Access to dumpsters must be kept clear of snow and ice.

cover secrets that may put his discoveries to shame. 7 p.m.

★Culinary History Reading Group: Motte & Bailey, Booksellers. All invited to discuss ***Blue Trout and Black Truffles: The Peregrinations of an Epicure,*** Joseph Wechsberg's book about European haute cuisine at the twilight of the Habsburg monarchy. *7:30–9 p.m., Motte & Bailey, 212 N. Fourth Ave. Free. 669–0451.*

19 THURSDAY

★"International Tea Party": International Neighbors. All area women invited to a tea party to view and sample a variety of tea customs from around the world. Adults only; no strollers allowed. Nursery care provided for preschoolers. *1–2:30 p.m., Westminster Presbyterian Church social hall, 1500 Scio Church Rd. Free. Reservations required by Dec. 13 by emailing inday@international-neighbors-org. 995–1645.*

★"Native American Dreamcatchers": Ann Arbor District Library. Local crafter Dawn Henry shows adults and teens in grade 6 & up how to make an Ojibwe dreamcatcher using branches, waxed string, feathers, and beads. *7–8:30 p.m., AADL Traverwood Branch, 3333 Traverwood at Huron Pkwy. Free. 327–8301.*

"White Christmas: The Musical": Encore Musical Theatre Company. See 1 Sunday. 7 p.m.

★"Songs of the Season": Ypsilanti Community Choir. Ariel Toews-Ricotta directs the choir in a program of holiday songs, highlighted by Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols,* with harpist Ruth Myers. Preconcert and intermission music by the local jazz quintet Freighthouse Five. *7:30 p.m., WCC Morris Lawrence Bldg. Towsley Auditorium, 4800 E. Huron River Dr. Free. 481–9285.*

"Jerry's Girls": Performance Network Professional Season. See 1 Sunday. 7:30 p.m.

Nate Fridson: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. *Dec. 19–21.* Smart, edgy observational humor by this young Detroit comic who specializes in probing autobiographical anecdotes. Preceded by 2 opening acts. Alcohol is served. *8 p.m. (Thurs.–Sat.) & 10:30 p.m. (Fri. & Sat.), 314 E. Liberty. $8 (Thurs.) & $11 (Fri. & Sat.) reserved seating in advance, $10 (Thurs.) & $13 (Fri. & Sat.) general admission at the door. 996–9080.*

20 FRIDAY

★"Fix-It Friday": Maker Works. All invited to bring anything that needs fixing—chairs, sweaters, radios, and more. Maker Works members will be on hand to help fix things. Refreshments. *4–6 p.m., Maker Works, 3765 Plaza Dr. (off Airport Blvd. north of Ellsworth). Free. 222–4911.*

"Clara & the Nut": Randazzo Dance Company. *Dec. 20–22.* This local company, formerly the Ypsilanti Area Dancers, performs the premiere of Sara Randazzo's new show inspired by *The Nutcracker.* In Randazzo's version, a little girl named Clara is presented with gifts at her family's annual holiday party. The gifts each take a turn to dance, delighting Clara and the party guests, but a gift from Clara's mother—"the Canned Nut"—gets everyone to dance and takes Clara on a nighttime adventure to the Land of Snow. The show incorporates many dance styles, from ballet and jazz to Spanish, Russian, Dragon dance, and others. The Dec. 21 performance is preceded at 6 p.m. by **"Dancing with the Stars of Clara & the Nut!"** ($10 per child, includes a gift), a chance for kids (accompanied by an adult) to learn about choreography and have their picture taken with the performers. *7:30 p.m. (Dec. 20 & 21) & 2 p.m. (Dec. 22), Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, 911 North University. Tickets $20 (seniors age 60 & over and students, $15) in advance at randazzodancecompany.com. 477–9350.*

Halladay/Schunk Latin Experience: Kerrytown Concert House. Detroit jazz composer **Doug Halladay,** a prominent trumpeter in the late '60s and '70s, is joined by local pianist **Gary Schunk** in a program of Halladay's original compositions. With trumpeter/flugelhorn player Dwight Adams, tenor saxophonist Andrew Bishop, guitarist Ron English, bassist Kurt Krahnke, drummer Bill Higgins, and percussionist Jose "Pepe" Espinosa. *8 p.m., KCH, 415 N. Fourth Ave. $15–$30 (students, $10). Reservations recommended. 769–2999.*

"White Christmas: The Musical": Encore Musical Theatre Company. See 1 Sunday. 8 p.m.

"Jerry's Girls": Performance Network Professional Season. See 1 Sunday. 8 p.m.

Nate Fridson: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. See 19 Thursday. 8 & 10:30 p.m.

21 SATURDAY

★67th Annual Christmas Bird Count: Washtenaw Audubon Society. The count area is a 15-mile-diameter circle centered on Ann Arbor; its 8 regions must be counted in a single day. This makeshift census may be off by thousands, but much useful information is gained by comparing the results from year to year. The count is also great fun, and everyone from novices to experienced birders is invited to volunteer for all or part of the day, either as a field observer or (if you have a bird feeder) as a feeder watcher. Some count regions also conduct predawn searches for owls. The results are tallied at a potluck dinner at U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens this evening. *6 a.m. For instructions and further information, call Jacco Gelderloos at 973–9422. Free; donations accepted. To sign up as a feeder watcher, contact Kurt Hagemeister at 663–9746 or khagemeister@sbcglobal.net.*

★Grange Junior Makers: Pittsfield Grange. Kids, accompanied by an adult, invited to work on electronics, robotics, and woodworking projects. Today's project TBA. *10 a.m.–noon, Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. (just south of Oak Valley Dr.). Free. 926–5079.*

★Death Café. All invited to join a casual conversation about death led by local home funeral educator Merilynne Rush. *10 a.m.–noon, Crazy Wisdom Tearoom, 114 S. Main. Free. 395–9660.*

★"Winter Solstice Crafts": Ann Arbor District Library. All kids in Grades preK–3 invited to make a snow-covered evergreen tree. *11 a.m.–noon, AADL Malletts Creek Branch, 3090 E. Eisenhower (between Stone School & Packard). Free. 327–8301.*

★Ann Arbor Aglow Lighthouse. Lunch followed by a white elephant gift exchange and caroling at Courthouse Square Apartments. Aglow is an international Christian organization devoted to meeting people's spiritual needs. *11:30 a.m., Share Restaurant, Sheraton Hotel, 3200 Boardwalk. Free (buy your own lunch); reservations required. 971–4545.*

★"Starship Battle League: Demo Day": Ann Arbor District Library. All adults and teens in grade 9 & up invited to learn about and try out this new AADL multi-player video game. *1–5 p.m., AADL freespace (3rd floor), 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327–4555.*

★Cultural Show: Children's Russian Club. Local Russian children present ***Forget Herostratus,*** Grigory Gorin's comedic drama based on the historical figure of Herostratus, a young Greek man who burned the temple of Artemis at Ephesus in an effort to become famous. The play is performed in Russian, with English-language synopses provided. *5:30 p.m. (doors open at 5 p.m.), WCC Liberal Arts and Sciences Bldg. Auditorium LA175, 4800 E. Huron River Dr. Free. 741–1953.*

Winter Solstice Sing: Michigan Friends Center. All adults and older children invited to join an outdoor circle to learn and sing seasonal songs, rounds, and chants. *7–9 p.m., Michigan Friends Center, 7448 Clark Lake Rd. (off Oakridge from Waterloo Rd. west of M-52), Chelsea. Donation. Preregistration requested. 475–0942.*

★"One Earth One Voice Community Song Circle." All invited to join Lori Fithian, Jean Chorazyczewski, Jean Mackey, and others to sing familiar songs and easy chants in a candle-lit church sanctuary. *7 p.m., First Unitarian-Universalist Church, 4001 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. Free. 426–7818.*

"Bizarre Dance": The Yellow Barn. A wacky open mike in which participants are given 45 seconds to 5 minutes to do anything from storytelling to an abs workout to trying to sell a bike. *7:30 p.m.–midnight, Yellow Barn, 416 W. Huron. $5 (Yellow Card holders, free). ouryellowbarn.com.*

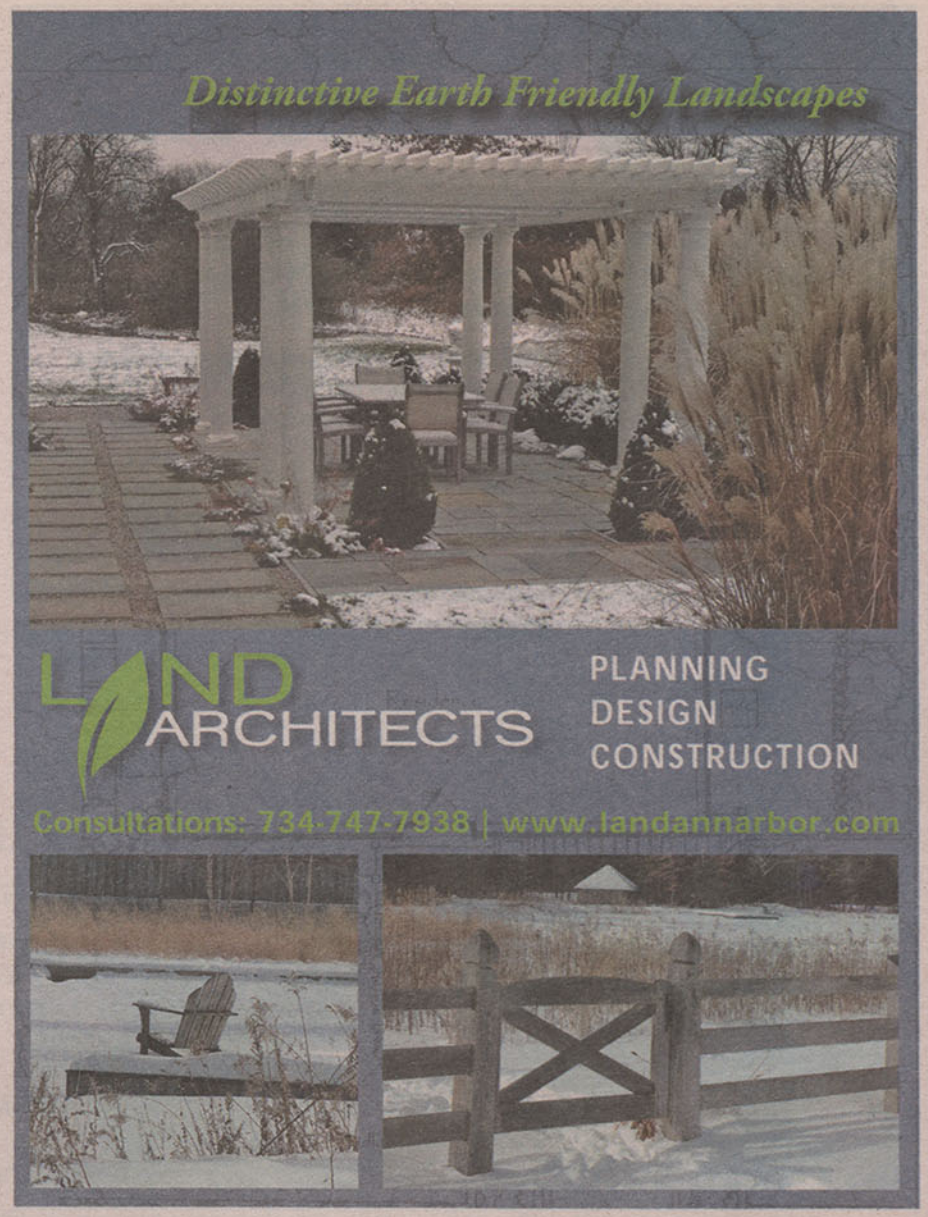
"Clara & the Nut": Randazzo Dance Company. See 20 Friday. 7:30 p.m.

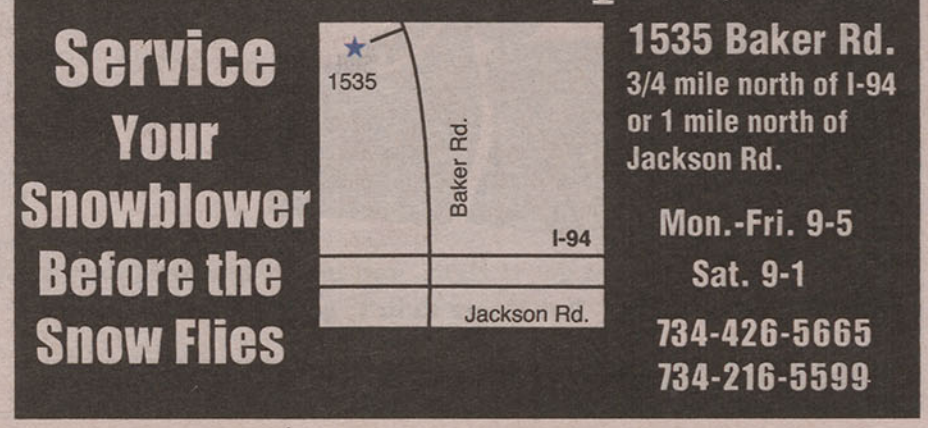
Singles Dance: Parents Without Partners. All singles invited for an evening of socializing and dancing to recorded 70s to contemporary dance music played by a DJ. Cash bar. Preceded at 6:30 p.m. by a potluck (bring a dish to pass, or pay $5). *8 p.m.–midnight, Grotto Club, 2070 W. Stadium. $8 (PWP members, $6). 973–1933. 994–0587, 214–6449.*

3rd Saturday Contra Dance: Pittsfield Grange. Robin Warner and Peter Baker call to live music by Dawn's Early Light. Preceded at 7:30 p.m. by a beginner lesson. Bring flat, smooth-sole shoes. *8 p.m., Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. (just south of Oak Valley Dr.). $10 (members, $7). 426–0241.*

"Lift Off: We Are Family": A2 Aviary. Disco- and soul-inspired aerial and acrobatic acts by A2 Aviary students and instructors. Also, art, music, refreshments, and an open bar. The program ends with open dancing. *8 p.m.–2 a.m., A2 Aviary, 4720 S. State. $10. 726–0353.*

Light of Life Trio: Kerrytown Concert House Winter Solstice Concert. A concert of experimental world music in celebration of the winter solstice





Lively, local, relevant!
SBA Michigan Small Business Journalist of the Year

The Lucy Ann Lance Show
Monday–Friday 8 AM–11 AM
Saturday 9 AM–12 PM

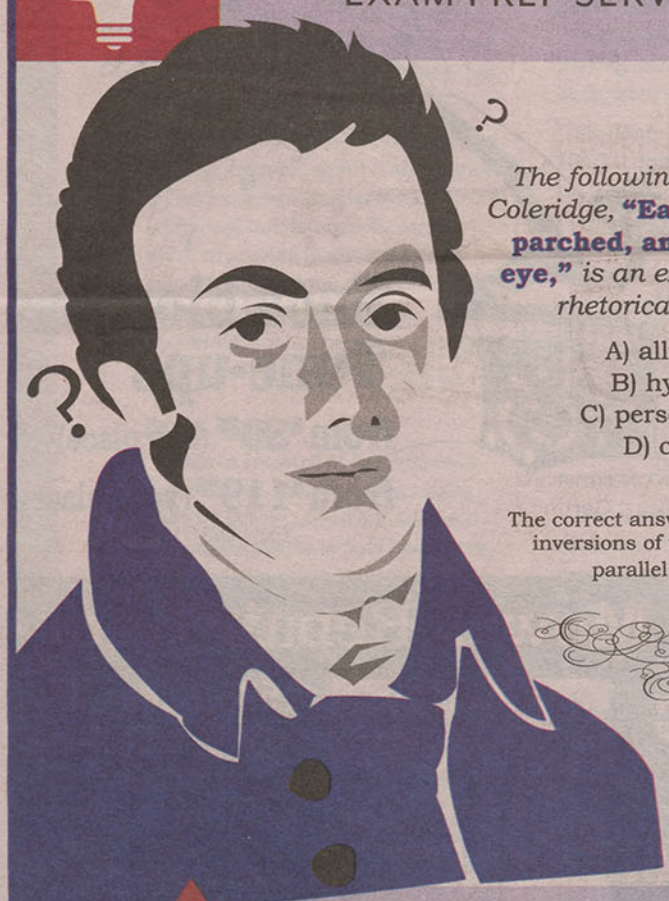
Local news, interviews, & great conversation for the Ann Arbor community

On Air at 1290 WLBY
Online at www.lucyannlance.com
Produced by Lance & Erskine Communications

1290 WLBY AM
ANN ARBOR'S TALK STATION

Experience the Seasons of Leelanau.
The Homestead Condominiums
Homes & Cottages on or near Lake Michigan, Lime Lake, Glen Lake and Lake Leelanau
WINTER SPECIAL
Stay Two Nights and Get The Third For Free!
not valid over Christmas and New Years
Leelanau Vacation Rentals
800.309.5045 • www.lvrrentals.com

36
THIRTY-SIX
EXAM PREP SERVICES



The following passage from Coleridge, **"Each throat / Was parched, and glazed each eye,"** is an example of which rhetorical technique?

A) alliteration
B) hyperbole
C) personification
D) chiasmi

The correct answer is **"D) chiasmi,"** inversions of the second of two parallel structures.

If you got it right, you might not need our help. But if you didn't, *you do.*

2400 Satellite Drive Ann Arbor | 973-8424

by guitarist/sitarist **Robert Spalding Newcomb,** keyboardist **James Aikman,** and percussionist/flutist **Ken Kozora.** *8 p.m., KCH, 415 N. Fourth Ave. $10–$25 (students, $5). Reservations recommended. 769–2999.*

Bill Bynum & Co and Corndaddy: Mangiamo Italian Grill Acoustic Routes Concert. Double bill. Bynum & Co. is a bluegrass-based quartet led by award-winning Downriver singer-songwriter and guitarist Bynum, whose songs also draw on old-time, early country, gospel, and contemporary folk music. His band includes fiddler Mary Seelhorst, dobro player Dave Keeney, and bassist Chuck Anderson. Corndaddy is a local alt-country band led by singer-songwriters Kevin Brown and Jud Branam whose music filters early 70s country-rock through the influences of bluegrass, power pop, and British Invasion bombast. *8 p.m., Mangiamo, 107 W. Michigan Ave, Saline. $15 by reservation and at the door. Preferred seating for dinner customers. 429–0060.*

"White Christmas: The Musical": Encore Musical Theatre Company. See 1 Sunday. 3 & 8 p.m.

"Jerry's Girls": Performance Network Professional Season. See 1 Sunday. 8 p.m.

Nate Fridson: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. See 19 Thursday. 8 & 10:30 p.m.

22 SUNDAY

★**"Dancing Babies": Ann Arbor District Library.** Creative movement teacher Dianne Dudley leads infants through 5-year-olds (accompanied by an adult) in a dancing program. *1–1:40 p.m., AADL Pittsfield Branch, 2359 Oak Valley Dr. between Scio Church Rd. and Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. Free. 327–8301.*

★**"Flip Your Field: Photography from the Collection": UMMA.** Docent-led tour of the 2nd in a series of exhibits curated by U-M faculty members who have been asked to consider artwork outside their specialization. This exhibit of photography is curated by U-M art professor Larry Cressman. *2 p.m., UMMA, 525 S. State. Free. 763–UMMA.*

★**Ann Arbor Storytellers Guild.** All invited to listen to guild members swap stories or bring their own to tell. *2–4 p.m., Nicola's Books, 2513 Jackson, Westgate shopping center. Free. 971–5763.*

"Clara & the Nut": Randazzo Dance Company. See 20 Friday. 2 p.m.

"Jerry's Girls": Performance Network Professional Season. See 1 Sunday. 2 p.m.

"White Christmas: The Musical": Encore Musical Theatre Company. See 1 Sunday. 3 p.m.

"A Jazz Nativity": Kerrytown Concert House. Up-and-coming Detroit pianist **Glenn Tucker** performs a program of experimental jazz holiday music including Messiaen's two Christmas cycles: *La Nativité du Seigneur,* his 1935 work for pipe organ, and *Vingt regards sur l'enfant Jesus* for piano. With trumpeter Paul Finkbeiner, saxophonist/flautist Rafael Statin, bassist Damon Warmack, and drummer Jesse Kramer. *7 p.m., KCH, 415 N. Fourth Ave. $10–$25 (students, $5). Reservations recommended. 769–2999.*

23 MONDAY

★**History of Science Reading Group: Motte & Bailey, Booksellers.** All invited to discuss ***The Annotated and Illustrated Double Helix,*** James Watson, Alexander Gann, and Jan Witkowski's book about the discovery of DNA. *7:30–9 p.m., Motte & Bailey, 212 N. Fourth Ave. Free. 669–0451.*

24 TUESDAY

"Marathon Skate": Ann Arbor Parks & Recreation. *Dec. 24 & 31.* Skating to music by a DJ. *11 a.m.–4 p.m., Veterans Ice Arena, 2150 Jackson Rd. $6 (youths age 17 & under and seniors age 60 & over, $5). $1 discount for city residents. Skate rentals available ($3). 794–6235.*

★**Living Nativity: First Congregational Church.** Costumed reenactors, accompanied by a live camel, sheep, and donkey, re-create the traditional Nativity scene. *4–8 p.m., First Congregational Church, 608 E. William at State. Free. 662–1679.*

★**Lessons and Carols: First Presbyterian Church.** The traditional program of scripture readings interspersed with sacred carols, anthems, and hymns. Performed by the church's chancel choir, brass quartet, and organist. Also, a 30-minute instrumental prelude precedes each program. *5 & 7:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 1432 Washtenaw. Free. 662–4466.*

★**Lessons and Carols: Northside Community Church.** Congregational singing of carols interspersed with a reading of the Christmas story. Tenor Glenn Perry is featured in "Oh Holy Night." The program concludes with a candle lighting procession accompanied by handbell soloist Sheree Clark and singing of "Silent Night." Pianist is Kathryn Goodson. Preceded at 6:40 p.m. by an instrumental prelude. *7–8 p.m., Northside Community Church, 929 Barton Dr. Free. 662–6351.*

★**Festival of Lessons and Carols: First Baptist Church.** The church presents the Christmas story through a program of alternating scriptural readings and choral and congregational singing adapted from the famous Christmas Eve service at King's College, Cambridge (England). Children welcome; child care provided for infants and toddlers. *7:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, 512 E. Huron. Free. 663–9376.*

★**"Festival Prelude": St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.** St. Andrew's music director Deborah Friauff directs the church choir, bell choir, soloists, and other musicians in Britten's exuberant and musically variegated *A Ceremony of Carols* in candlelight. *10:30 p.m., St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 306 N. Division. Free. 663–0518.*

25 WEDNESDAY (CHRISTMAS)

See Michigan Theater in Films, p. 77.

26 THURSDAY

"Hands-On Holidays: Let It Snow!": Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum. *Dec. 26–Jan. 5.* Family-friendly hands-on activities. *10 a.m.–4 p.m. (Mon.–Fri., except Jan. 1) & noon–4 p.m. (Sun. & Jan. 1), AAHOM, 220 E. Ann. $10 (members & infants, free) regular museum admission. 995–5439.*

"Family Ice Skating": Ann Arbor Jewish Community Center. All ages invited for ice skating. *3–5 p.m., Jewish Community Center, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr. (off Stone School Rd. south of Packard). $8 includes admission, skate rental, & snacks. 971–0990.*

"Jerry's Girls": Performance Network Professional Season. See 1 Sunday. 7:30 p.m.

"Jeff Daniels: Onstage & Unplugged": Purple Rose Theatre Company. *Dec. 26–29 & 31.* Movie and TV star, playwright, and Purple Rose founder Daniels is also a singer-songwriter whose folk-flavored originals include such favorites as "If William Shatner Can, I Can, Too," "The Lifelong Tiger Fan Blues," "State Trooper," and "Recreational Vehicle." His shows are interspersed with chats about how each song came to be. Tonight's show features a mix of old favorites and newer songs. A benefit for Purple Rose. *8 p.m. (Dec. 26–29 & 31), 3 p.m. (Dec. 28 & 31), & 2 p.m. (Sun.), Purple Rose Theatre, 137 Park St., Chelsea. Tickets $75 in advance at purplerosetheatre.org, and by phone. 433–7673.*

Mike Wilmot: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. *Dec. 26–28.* Local debut of this Canadian comic, a winner of the Canadian Comedy Award for Best Male Stand-Up and Best Actor, Wilmot is known for his fast-paced, often darkly funny, observational humor directed at everything from diets, kids, and sex to American-Canadian backbiting and his fondness for beer. Preceded by 2 opening acts. Alcohol is served. *8 p.m. (Thurs.–Sat.) & 10:30 p.m. (Fri. & Sat.), 314 E. Liberty. $10 (Thurs.) & $13 (Fri. & Sat.) reserved seating in advance, $12 (Thurs.) & $15 (Fri. & Sat.) general admission at the door. 996–9080.*

27 FRIDAY

★**"Cozy Collage Craft": Ann Arbor District Library.** All kids in grades K–5 invited to make a collage using colorful paper scraps and other materials. *2–3 p.m., AADL multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327–8301.*

★**"Wrestling with Angels": Episcopal Church of the Incarnation.** Local playwright and poet **Madeline Diehl,** a longtime Observer contributor, reads from her new collection of poems and affirmations. *7:30–9:30 p.m., Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, 3257 Lohr. Free. 769–7900.*

"Jeff Daniels: Onstage & Unplugged": Purple Rose Theatre Company. See 26 Thursday. 8 p.m.

"Jerry's Girls": Performance Network Professional Season. See 1 Sunday. 8 p.m.

Mike Wilmot: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. See 26 Thursday. 8 & 10:30 p.m.

28 SATURDAY

"Wolverine Will": Performance Network Children's Theater Network. Phil Powers stars in Carla Milarch's educational theater work that takes kids in grades K–6 on a whirlwind tour of Michigan history, from lumberjacks to lugnuts. Milk & cookies. *1 p.m., Performance Network, 120 E. Huron. Tickets $10 (youth under age 16, $7; family, $20) in advance at performancenetwork.org & by phone, and at the door. For reservations or to charge by phone, call 663–0681.*

★**"Battery Lab": Ann Arbor District Library.** All kids in grades K–5 invited for a hands-on introduction to circuits, switches, conductors, and other aspects of what makes batteries work. *2–3 p.m., AADL Pittsfield Branch, 2359 Oak Valley Dr. between Scio Church Rd. and Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. Free. 327–8301.*

4th Saturday Contra & Square Dance: Ann Arbor Community of Traditional Music and Dance. Reuven AnafShalom, Ed Vincent, and Marlin Whitaker call to live music by the New Money. Bring a snack to share, if you wish. Preceded at 7 p.m. by a beginner lesson. *7:30–10:30 p.m., Concourse Hall, 4531 Concourse Dr. (off S. State across from the airport). $10 (members, $9; students, $5). 786–8380.*

"Jeff Daniels: Onstage & Unplugged": Purple Rose Theatre Company. See 26 Thursday. 3 & 8 p.m.

"Jerry's Girls": Performance Network Professional Season. See 1 Sunday. 8 p.m.

Mike Wilmot: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. See 26 Thursday. 8 & 10:30 p.m.

29 SUNDAY

★**"Michigan Shrubs Hike": Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission.** WCPARC naturalist Faye Stoner leads a hike through woods and wetlands to identify several common shrubs, including gray and silky dogwood, witch hazel and hazelnut, nannyberry and gooseberry, and several others. *2–4 p.m., Goodrich Preserve, meet on Dixboro Rd. ½ mile north of Plymouth Rd. Free. 971–6337, ext. 334.*

★**"Marshmallow Engineering Challenge": Ann Arbor District Library.** All kids in grades K–5 invited to build a construction project with toothpicks and marshmallows. *2–3 p.m., AADL multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327–8301.*

"Jerry's Girls": Performance Network Professional Season. See 1 Sunday. 2 p.m.

"1940s Radio Hour": Arbor Opera Theater. This polished local opera company presents a 1940s-style radio show, with singing and comedy. Cabaret seating includes food and drink. *4 p.m., Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1500 Scio Church Rd. $10 (cabaret seating, $25) in advance at arboropera.com. 332–9063.*

"Jeff Daniels: Onstage & Unplugged": Purple Rose Theatre Company. See 26 Thursday. 8 p.m.

30 MONDAY

★**"The Winter Classic: The NHL's Savior": Barnes & Noble.** Sportsology Radio Network host Russ Cohen discusses his book about the annual NHL outdoor game played on New Year's Day, which in 2014 comes to the U-M Stadium. *7 p.m., Barnes & Noble, 3235 Washtenaw. Free. 973–1618.*

31 TUESDAY (NEW YEAR'S EVE)

★**"Bring in the New Year Craft": Ann Arbor District Library.** All preschoolers through 5th graders invited to make hats and noisemakers for New Year's Eve. *2–3 p.m., AADL Pittsfield Branch, 2359 Oak Valley Dr. between Scio Church Rd. and Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. Free. 327–8301.*

"New Year's Eve Overnight": Ann Arbor Jewish Community Center. All kids in grades K–8 invited for a pizza dinner with dessert and to watch the ball drop in Times Square. Also, movies, games, and free time with friends. Bring pajamas & sleeping bags. *7:30 p.m.–9 a.m., Jewish Community Center, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr. (off Stone School Rd. south of Packard). $35 (JCC members, $25). Space limited; preregistration required. 971–0990.*

"Jeff Daniels: Onstage & Unplugged": Purple Rose Theatre Company. See 26 Thursday. 3 & 8 p.m.

New Year's Eve Party: The Yellow Barn. Dancing, singing, and performances. Food & drinks. *8 p.m.–1 a.m., Yellow Barn, 416 W. Huron. $10–$25 sliding scale (Yellow Card & Pink Punch Card holders, free). ouryellowbarn.com.*

Honeymoon Hauling

Merry Christmas from the Gala's
Locally Owned and Operated for 25 years

CALL NOW! Help keep this local business open during these tough times!

Trash & Appliance Removal, Light Moves, Dumpster Service, Brush, Building Materials, Long Distance Moves, Estate & Hoarding Clean-Outs

Hard Working & Dependable!
(734) 761–1980

10% off Standard Load EXP 12.31.13

Serving Ann Arbor for Over 30 Years

gold bond cleaners

Quality Dry Cleaning & Shirt Service

332 Maynard St.
across from the Nickels Arcade

668-7017
668-6335

Dear Readers,
The Observer needs your help.

SPECIAL REQUEST

We are asking you to assist us in one of two possible ways.

1. Confirm your FREE subscription. You may call our office to confirm at 734.769.3175, fill out the form below and mail it to our office, or email the information to subscribe@aaobserver.com.

OR

2. Become an Observer Friend. Voluntarily pay $20 per year for your annual subscription.
(If you would like to make a larger contribution, we will happily and gratefully accept it.)

Why is this important? To maintain our second class periodical postal status, which includes a faster, more economical delivery service, we have to show the post office that our readers want to keep receiving the Ann Arbor Observer.

Since 1976, the Observer has been a locally owned community resource. We want to continue to provide the Observer to all permanent Ann Arbor residents and chamber members in Washtenaw County. We are making every effort to keep costs in line and maintain our commitment to quality. If you can't afford to become an "Observer Friend" by paying for your subscription, **please take a few minutes to confirm your FREE subscription.**

Thanks for reading the Observer.

Sincerely,

Patricia Garcia
Publisher

All new "Observer Friends" and FREE subscription confirmations received **by December 15** will be entered in a drawing for one of two **$25 Gift Certificates** at your choice of any business advertising in the Observer.

☐ **Yes!** I am a resident of the Ann Arbor Public School District and I want to continue receiving the Ann Arbor Observer and City Guide free of charge. Enter me in the $25 Gift Certificate drawing!

☐ **Yes!** I am a resident of the Ann Arbor Public School District and I want to become an Observer Friend. Enclosed is my check for $20. Enter me in the $25 Gift Certificate drawing!

Mail this form with your check made payable to the Ann Arbor Observer, or to charge call Circulation at (734) 769–3175.

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State____ Zip_____
Phone _____
E-mail _____
Signature: _____

2390 Winewood | Ann Arbor | MI | 48103 | 734.769.3175 | AnnArborObserver.com

Classifieds

Lessons & Workshops

The **Classifieds deadline** for the January issue is December 10.

Piano and Guitar Lessons. Call 646–2740 for a free lesson. 59 years playing piano—22 on guitar. U-M Music Ed and EMU conducting.

Miscellaneous

The **Classifieds deadline** for the January issue is December 10.

Climate Control Indoor Storage
490 S. Maple, Ann Arbor. Next to Kroger.
662–5262. www.ccindoorstorage.com.

I SPY CONTEST
Can you identify the glimpse of Ann Arbor in the photo on p. 103? If you can, you could win a copy of Jonathan Marwil's *A History of Ann Arbor.* One winner will be drawn from all correct entries received by noon, December 10. No phone entries, please. Send your answer to: I Spy, Ann Arbor Observer, 2390 Winewood, AA 48103. Fax: 769–3375; email: backpage@aaobserver.com (include address and phone number and put I Spy in the subject line).

Wanted

The **Classifieds deadline** for the January issue is December 10.

HOME SHARE Retired, professional female with health challenges offering home share in spacious, private setting. Seeking male or female dog-lover to assist with home upkeep, gardening, etc. Minutes from downtown Ann Arbor, bus line on doorstep. Ideal for professional retired person. **heartandmindhealing@aol.com**

Services

The **Classifieds deadline** for the January issue is December 10.

WEBSITE DESIGN
Create, maintain or update your site!
Noreen's Simple Sites (734) 646–3400
noreenssimplesites.com

Place Your Classified Ad Today!

To advertise, email, fax, or mail your ad info to the address below by the 10th of the month.
Rates are $7 per line, or fraction of a line, per insertion (two line minimum). Ads will run in the next open issue.

Mail, email, or fax your ad to:
Ann Arbor Observer Classifieds
2390 Winewood Ave., Ann Arbor, MI 48103
Office: (734) 769-3175, Fax: (734) 769-3375
E-mail: classifieds@aaobserver.com
Please include your name and contact information.

We reserve the right to reject, cancel, or modify any advertising and to determine the classification of individual ads.

Something to Celebrate?

Announce an engagement, wedding, birthday or any special occasion. Text only or include a photo.
Call for more information: (734) 769-3175.

Computer Home Service
Gerald Brennan ☆ 30 years' experience
home ☆ home office ☆ small business
high work ethic ☆ neurotically punctual
www.ComputerRepairAnn Arbor.com
(734) 417–7163

Looking for the perfect and unique gift? You just found it! Surprise your friends by giving them a 2-hour session with Kiki's **NIMBLE**—The Viennese Way to Elegance—a European-based method to look elegant for special occasions and beyond. Ideal for bridal showers and wedding gifts. Call (734) 383-2867 or email nimblevienna@gmail.com. Visit: www.nimbleelegance.com where you will find Kiki's newest books and DVD.

Home

The **Classifieds deadline** for the January issue is December 10.

AVAILABLE TO CLEAN YOUR HOME
Excellent References. (734) 644–4510.

Housecleaning with the professional touch. 20 yrs. experience.
(734) 717–2170.

Professional & Affordable Housekeeper.
Call A Helpful Hand, (734) 975–4229.
Bonded and insured.

Handyman: $30 per hour
Drywall, painting, furniture repair, fix leaks, repair outlets, etc. Jared at (734) 223–5622 or jdwarshuis@gmail.com

★AFFORDABLE HANDYMAN ★
Carpentry ★ Plumbing ★ Electrical
Kitchens ★ Baths ★ Basements
Quality Work ★ Attention To Detail
Firewood★Mixed Hardwood★Delivered
Call Bill (734) 262–4500.

★ Need Experienced Painters? ★
Painting in Ann Arbor for over 15 years.
Fully insured. (734) 657–8667. References.
BLT@umich.edu. A2PAINTING.COM

Semi-retired Builder will Repair your Home or Garage. Call Tom:
(734) 276–7254 or repaska@yahoo.com

Jingle Bells … let me help you get rid of those smells! **Housecleaning, call Marie**
(734) 476–1859

Outdoors

The **Classifieds deadline** for the January issue is December 10.

Historical Gardens
GARDEN CLEANUP
Leaf cleanup & removal
Reasonable Prices
(734) 944–0645 or (734) 323–6242

Pets

The **Classifieds deadline** for the January issue is December 10.

A2 Doggy Adventures
Doggy day trips on the farm!
We pick up & drop off your dog.
A2's smart choice in dog care since 2002.
www.A2DoggyAdventures.com
(734) 678–4771

Photography

The **Classifieds deadline** for the January issue is December 10.

★ WEDDINGS ★ PORTRAITS ★
More than 10 years
of photography experience.
www.cibelenewman.com
(734) 417–8946

SOMETHING TO *celebrate*

JOHN & BARBARA

22,630 Sunsets Together

. . . and still in love.
Happy Anniversary!
Love, Patricia

BEN DAHLMANN

Happy Birthday!

Ben,
You are an extraordinary son, husband, father, coach, colleague, and friend.
Wishing you a fun-filled milestone birthday and a new decade filled with 'grand' adventures, ice cream treats, and Michigan wins. Go Blue!
Love,
Your family and adoring fans

JAMES McCRACKIN

Happy Birthday!

I really wish we could spend it together as a family, like in the past. We think of you often, but this is nothing new. I think of you in silence and often speak your name. I think of how you would handle a situation to help me find the answers. I look at the pictures of you every day. We always celebrate your birthday on Thanksgiving, but this year you will be celebrating in Heaven. I love you and miss you, Dad.

LOUISE & PATRICIO

Engaged

Doug Wolgat and Renee McPhail are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Louise Wolgat, to Patricio Polanco, of Pittsburgh, PA. Ms. Wolgat is a physical therapy graduate student at the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Polanco is a surgical oncology fellow at UPMC. They are looking forward to an October 2014 wedding in Lima, Peru.

STEVE HAMILTON

Happy Birthday!

Wishing you the happiest of birthdays, McSteve. I apologize again for forgetting your birthday last year. And thank you for watching Emily's kids with me over your birthday weekend and during the Ohio State game. You mean the world to me. Ok ... you can get back to playing Xbox now. Love, Sara.

J. ADRIAN WYLIE

Real Estate

Residential and Commercial Properties
in Washtenaw and Livingston Counties

J. ADRIAN WYLIE

3415 RIDGELINE COURT, ANN ARBOR—Striking 3-story architecturally designed contemporary home is located on Ann Arbor's north east side in the King School area and is surrounded by woods. Wonderfully maintained and updated. First floor master suite with double vanity, walk-in closet, large Jacuzzi tub and walk-in shower. Marble foyer entry & hallways. Formal dining room with hardwood floor and built-in glass shelvings, built-in speakers. Dramatic 2-story living room with new hardwood floors, gas fireplace, large windows facing private forest views, 2-skylights. Eat-in kitchen with Corian counter tops, hardwood floors, 1-skylight and access to private deck. Upper level offers 2 bedrooms, a full bath, and loft area with built-in bookshelves. Completely finished lower level walkout includes a bedroom, full bath with sauna, a wet bar, wine refrigerator and door to access outside deck. Wonderful brick paver driveway. Gorgeous private forest lot. $610,000. MLS 3217562.

Candy Mitchell, GRI, ABR
candymitchell@comcast.net
(734) 649-7571
candymitchell.com • HowardHanna.com

Howard Hanna

Real Estate Mortgage Title Insurance
1898 W. Stadium • Ann Arbor

EXCLUSIVE AFFILIATE OF CHRISTIE'S INTERNATIONAL REAL ESTATE

LEADING REAL ESTATE COMPANIES™ of THE WORLD

Real Estate One

MATT DEJANOVICH

www.IsellAnnArbor.com

Real Estate One's #1 Agent

Over $700 Million Career Sales

734-662-8600 or **734-476-7100**

December – Market Update

The fall market is upon us. Normally this is a more quiet time of year, but not now. Our real estate market is rolling ahead with all the same trends that have dominated this update for the past year. Low supply, high demand, and low interests combined with our strong local economy make this a great time to Buy or Sell a home. Do you want to move now? Or are you thinking next year is the right time? Call Me today, 734-476-7100. It is never too early to start your plans.

SELLERS – The value of your home is at its highest level since 2007. Demand for your home is at the highest level since 2004. But this market is far from "easy". The issues of pricing, managing multiple offers, and successfully appraising the home with the buyer's lender are more complex than ever. It takes an experienced agent with an effective strategy to successfully sell your home and get it closed. Please call me to discuss your situation today, 734-476-7100.

BUYERS – Word on the street is that there are no quality homes to buy. Somehow I manage to lead the county in closed buyer sales year to date. I have been successful in finding the best homes available for most of my buyers (not all, sorry). The process of home selection, offer strategy, and financing are a challenge. You need an experienced agent in your corner to find the right house and successfully close. Call me today to start your search, 734- 476-7100.

#1

Individual producing real estate agent in Michigan
Individual producing real estate agent in Washtenaw County
Agent in Saline Schools
Agent in Pittsfield Township

Over $40 million in sales so far in 2013
Over 100 homes sold and closed to date in 2013
Over $700 million in career sales volume

Call or Email today for a no-obligation private consultation.
734-476-7100 or Matt@ISellAnnArbor.com

Matt Dejanovich has been a realtor serving the Ann Arbor area for 25 years and has been a resident of the community his entire life. Matt prides himself on providing personal, direct service to each and every one of his clients.

No assistants! Not one.
When you hire Matt, you get Matt.

www.IsellAnnArbor.com
Matt@IsellAnnArbor.com

NEW LISTING -SALINE – Incredible opportunity to own a 91-acre estate property directly adjoining the City of Saline. This land is perfectly set for large scale residential development. Land is rolling with woods and open farm fields. Property includes 3500 sq. ft. home and small barn. Could be a great horse farm as well. $2,500,000. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

TRAVIS POINTE – Simply the best! Perfectly designed and custom-built 6-bedroom, 6.5-bath overlooking the #2 fairway at Travis Pointe Country Club. The home is a showpiece of design, materials, and impeccable decor. Features include large patio with built-in Viking grill, soaring great room with two-story stone fireplace, gourmet kitchen, luxury master suite, and one of the nicest finished basements you see. $1,195,000. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

CENTENNIAL PARK – This 5-bedroom, 4.5-bathroom colonial on a quiet street deep within the sub is one of the best homes you will find. Great setting backing to common area with extensive large deck and patio. The interior is gorgeous and features two-story family room, large kitchen with cherry cabinets and granite counters, den, luxury master suite with sitting area and 2 walk-in closets, and finished basement with large rec room, bedroom, and bath. $649,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

POLO FIELDS – Stunning 4-bedroom, 3.5-bath colonial that has been completely remodeled from top to bottom. Great location deep within the neighborhood. Gorgeous landscaping, huge deck, patio, and large backyard. The interior of the home is perfect and features story foyer, den, cherry kitchen with granite, open family room, luxury master suite with remodeled bath, and the finished basement is as nice as you'll see. $639,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

SALINE – This is one of the most incredible homes I have ever listed. Stunning Frank Lloyd Wright-inspired home built-to the highest standard of craftsmanship and materials. Enjoy your own park-like acre plus setting with mature landscaping, large patio, and stream. Home is jaw dropping at every turn including custom kitchen with granite, custom woodwork in every room, two fireplaces, waterfall, and outbuilding. $549,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

TRAVIS POINTE – Custom-built 4-bedroom, 2.5-bath all brick home on the #17 fairway at Travis Pointe. Incredible setting with great views of the golf course from the large decks and screened porch. The interior of this home features two-story great room with floor to ceiling brick fireplace, spacious kitchen, family room, den, luxury master suite, and great kids' bedrooms. $459,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

BRIARHILL – Very sharp 4-bedroom, 2.5-bath colonial on a quiet interior lot in one of the area's most desired subs. Great setting with fenced backyard, patio, and nice landscaping. Home features two-story foyer, den, large living room and dining room, open kitchen with upgraded cabinets and stainless steel appliances, very large family room with fireplace, great master suite includes walk-in closet and bath, and nice-sized kids' bedrooms. $389,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

CENTENNIAL PARK – Wonderful 4-bedroom, 2.5-bath colonial in one of Saline school district's most popular neighborhoods. Enjoy panoramic view of open space from the oversized deck of this perfectly maintained home. The interior is in perfect move-in condition and features maple kitchen, open family room, large formal living and dining room, very nice master suite with great bath, and large kids bedrooms. Walk to Harvest Elementary and Saline High. $375,000. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP – Perfectly maintained 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom ranch on 2.5-peaceful acres backing to a gorgeous pond. Great location between Ann Arbor and Plymouth, easy for commuters. Great setting with large deck overlooking the pond. Home is in perfect condition and features sunny great room with fireplace, kitchen with granite counters, and sizeable bedrooms. $314,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

NEW LISTING -HICKORY POINTE – Incredible 3000 sq. ft. 4-bedroom, 2.5-bathroom colonial in on of the area's most desired subs. This home rests on a quiet interior lot with great elbowroom, walking distance to community pool. The interior shows like a model home and features large formal living and dining rooms, spacious kitchen, great family room with stone fireplace, luxury master suite with huge walk-in closet, bath, and sitting room/den, and sizeable kids bedrooms. Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100. $314,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

ANN ARBOR CONDO – Great 2-bedroom, 2.5-bath condo in Oak Meadows. This unit features numerous upgrades in one of the most popular complexes in town. This end unit includes two-story great room, ample hardwood floors, open kitchen, great master suite with walk-in closet and attached bath, second bedroom suite, and finished basement with large rec room and additional .5-bath. $219,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

NEW LISTING -MANCHESTER – Charming 3+ bedroom, 3.5-bathroom cape walking distance to schools and downtown Manchester. Incredible setting features great landscaping, large deck, spacious backyard, and mature trees. The interior of this home sparkles and features a large great room, open kitchen, first floor master bedroom, sizeable kids bedrooms, bonus room, and finished walkout basement. $219,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

BROOKVIEW HIGHLANDS – This 5-bedroom, 4.5-bath custom-built home is one of the premier homes in Saline. Great setting with circle drive, extensive landscaping and two patios. The interior is finished at the highest level of design, craftsmanship and materials. Features include two-story great room with wall of glass, gourmet kitchen with professional grade appliances, stately den with bookcases, dream master suite, and one of the nicest finished basements you will see. $899,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

STONEBRIDGE – Incredible 5-bedroom, 4.5-bath custom-built home on a perfectly private lot in one of the area's most desired subs. Stunning grounds featuring extensive landscaping, circle drive, screened porch, deck, and patio. The interior is loaded and is highlighted by the two-story great room with wall of windows, cherry kitchen, two master suites, den and finished walkout basement. $779,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

BROOKVIEW HIGHLANDS – This 5-bedroom, 4.5-bath-room home has undergone an extreme home makeover. Every inch has been remodeled and updated to the highest standards. Incredible setting features circle drive, extensive landscaping, patio, deck, and pool. The interior is a dream including Mahogany flooring, cherry kitchen with granite, huge sunroom, luxury master suite and finished lower level. Incredible. $779,000. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

DEXTER SCHOOLS – Incredible 5-bedroom, 4.5-bath custom built home on 4 private acres just minutes from town. The setting is highlighted by the mature trees, large deck, patio, and one of the finest outbuildings you'll find anywhere. The interior is custom throughout and includes a gourmet kitchen with granite, two-story family room with wall of glass, large den, luxury master suite, and fantastic basement. Finished rec room, theater, bedroom, and bath. $699,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

SALINE – Custom built country estate on 10 gorgeous acres. Incredible setting highlighted by mature forest, open grassland, and extensive landscaping. The home is built to the highest standard with extreme attention to detail and quality. Features include custom cherry kitchen with prof grade appliances, luxury master suite, finished walkout basement, and in-floor heating system. $639,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

SALINE – Stunning custom-built 4-bedroom, 4.5-bath home on a private 2-acre setting just minutes from everything. Gorgeous lot with mature landscaping and large patio. Home is loaded and features ample hardwood floor, dream kitchen with granite and high-end appliances, family room with field stone fireplace, luxury master suite with sitting area, glamor bath, and bonus room, and prof finished lower level with rec room, spa-bath, den, wine cellar, and exercise room. $599,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

WINES ELEMENTARY – Custom built 4-bedroom, 3.5-bath colonial in Riverwood. Gorgeous setting adjacent to Newport Creek nature area. Great outdoor living with incredible privacy, extensive landscaping, and 3 patios. The interior is a showpiece and includes two story family, open kitchen with hardwood floors and granite counter tops, den, luxury master suite with sitting area and fireplace, guest suite, and Jack-n-Jill bath. $599,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

MATTHAEI FARMS – Stunning 3-bedroom, 2-bath custom-built ranch on a completely private 1.5-acre setting. Gorgeous grounds that are highlighted by mature trees, large deck, gardens, and one of the nicest screened porches you will see. The interior of this home has been completely redone and includes all hardwood floors, great room with fireplace and wall of glass, custom kitchen, luxury master suite, and finished walkout basement. $549,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

NEW LISTING -LANSDOWNE – Perfect 4-bedroom, 2.5-bath colonial on a quiet cul-de-sac in one of Ann Arbor's most sought after neighborhoods. Completely renovated home features great backyard with patio and complete privacy, new cherry kitchen with granite counters and stainless steel appliances, family room with fireplace, great master with remodeled bath, nice sized kids bedrooms, and finished basement with large rec space. $449,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

YORK PLACE – Very sharp 4-bedroom, 2.5-bathroom home on a gorgeous acre lot overlooking a pond. Perfect setting in one of Saline's most desired subs on a quiet cul-de-sac with extensive landscaping, large deck, and huge backyard. Home features two story foyer, family room with vaulted ceiling and fireplace, den, large kitchen, nice master suite, and good-sized kid's bedrooms. $440,000. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

STONEBRIDGE – Very sharp 4-bedroom, 3.5-bath ranch on a quiet lot in Stonebridge. This home has great flair and includes great room with fireplace, maple kitchen, screened porch, luxury master suite, and finished basement with view out windows, rec room, bedroom, den, and bath. You will love this home! $419,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

COUNTRY VICTORIAN – Incredible 5-bedroom, 2-bath, 1800s Victorian on 6 peaceful acres just minutes to I-94 and US-23 in Augusta Township. Great setting with numerous outbuildings and large pond. Home is classic and oozes are the charm and character you would expect in this era home. Features include 10' first floor ceilings, extensive molding, large porches, extensive remodeling and restorations, and finished basement. $399,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

DEXTER – This custom-built 3-bedroom, 3-bath colonial rests on a gorgeous 2.5-acre setting. Incredible land with mature trees, complete privacy, and ample wildlife. The home is stunning and includes custom kitchen with stainless steel appliances, family room with fireplace, den, luxury master suite, great kids' bedrooms, and finished walkout basement with large rec room and bar. $372,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

STONEBRIDGE CONDO – This 3-bedroom, 3.5-bathroom detached condo has one of the nicest golf course views you will see. Enjoy complete view of the #3 hole at Stonebridge from the large Trex deck. The interior of this home sparkles and features great room with two-story ceiling, kitchen with hardwood floor and quartz counter tops, den, large master suite, and finished basement with view out windows. $369,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

SCIO TOWNSHIP – Hard to find 3-bedroom, 2-bath ranch on 10-acres. Incredible setting in this horse friendly community just minutes from Ann Arbor. The interior features open great room with wall of glass to the backyard, spacious kitchen, nice master suite, and spacious bedrooms. Home is sharp and in move-in condition. $339,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

LAKE FOREST – Perfect 3-bedroom, 2.5-bathroom colonial on one of the nicest lots in neighborhood. Great setting features mature trees and landscaping, large backyard, and deck. The interior is move-in ready with fresh paint and new carpet. Features include two-story foyer, large family room, open kitchen, flex-use living room, great master suite with w/closet, nice sized kids bedrooms, and walkout basement. $339,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

DICKEN ELEMENTARY – This 4-bedroom, 2.5-bathroom colonial is walking distance to Dicken, Pioneer, and UM Stadium and is ready for your modernizing touches. Great setting on one of the prettiest tree-lined streets you will see. The interior features hardwood floors in almost every room, large living room, open kitchen, family room, formal dining, master suite with attached bath, and nice sized kids bedrooms. $269,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

GREENHILLS CONDO – Completely remodeled 3-bedroom, 2.5-bath condo in one of NE Ann Arbor's most popular complexes. This unit backs to wooded common area. Great setting with mature landscaping and large patio. The interior of this unit features new cherry kitchen with granite counters and stainless steel appliances, cherry floors, large great room with wall of glass to backyard, expanded master suite, and finished basement. $249,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

WALK TO DOWNTOWN – Updated duplex just a few blocks from downtown Ann Arbor. Property features one 3-bedroom, and one 1-bedroom apartments. Great for owner occupied or easy rental income. $239,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

WEST SIDE ANN ARBOR – Charming westside two-story loaded with charm and potential. Just a short walk to downtown Ann Arbor, you won't find this much house for the dollar anywhere! Home has original hardwood floors and trim, some updates complete, and is ready for your finishing touches. Screened porch. $229,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

WEST SIDE CONDO – Perfect 3-bedroom, 2.5-bath condo convenient to everything. This unit is stunning with great living space and perfect updates. Features include living room with hardwood floors, open kitchen, family room with fireplace, great master suite with walk-in closet, and two spare bedrooms. Finished lower level makes great office. Two-car attached garage. $214,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

MEADOW GROVE CONDOS – Very sharp and secluded 2-bedroom, 2-bathroom ranch-style condo with a 2-car attached garage. Great unit deep within the complex with peaceful backyard views. The unit features a large great room with vaulted ceiling, open kitchen, large master suite with attached bath and walk-in closet, nice second bedroom, and huge basement with daylight windows. $199,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

GREENE FARMS – Incredible 3-bedroom, 2.5-bath home in absolute move-in condition in one of the most popular subs in the Lincoln schools district. Great lot with nice landscaping and big deck with lots of privacy. The interior features vaulted ceilings, open floor plan, large family room with fireplace, great master suite, nice sized kids bedrooms and partially finished basement. $179,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

UM STADIUM AREA – Nice 3-bedroom, 1-bath home walking distance to UM Stadium and dowtown Ann Arbor. Home has been nicely renovated with fresh carpet and paint. Property would make a great rental. $174,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

Moving?

Stay in touch with the town. Twenty-four months of the Ann Arbor Observer and two years of the City Guide will be delivered to your door, wherever your move takes you. Call and order your subscription today.

734.769.3175

One year $20

Two years $35

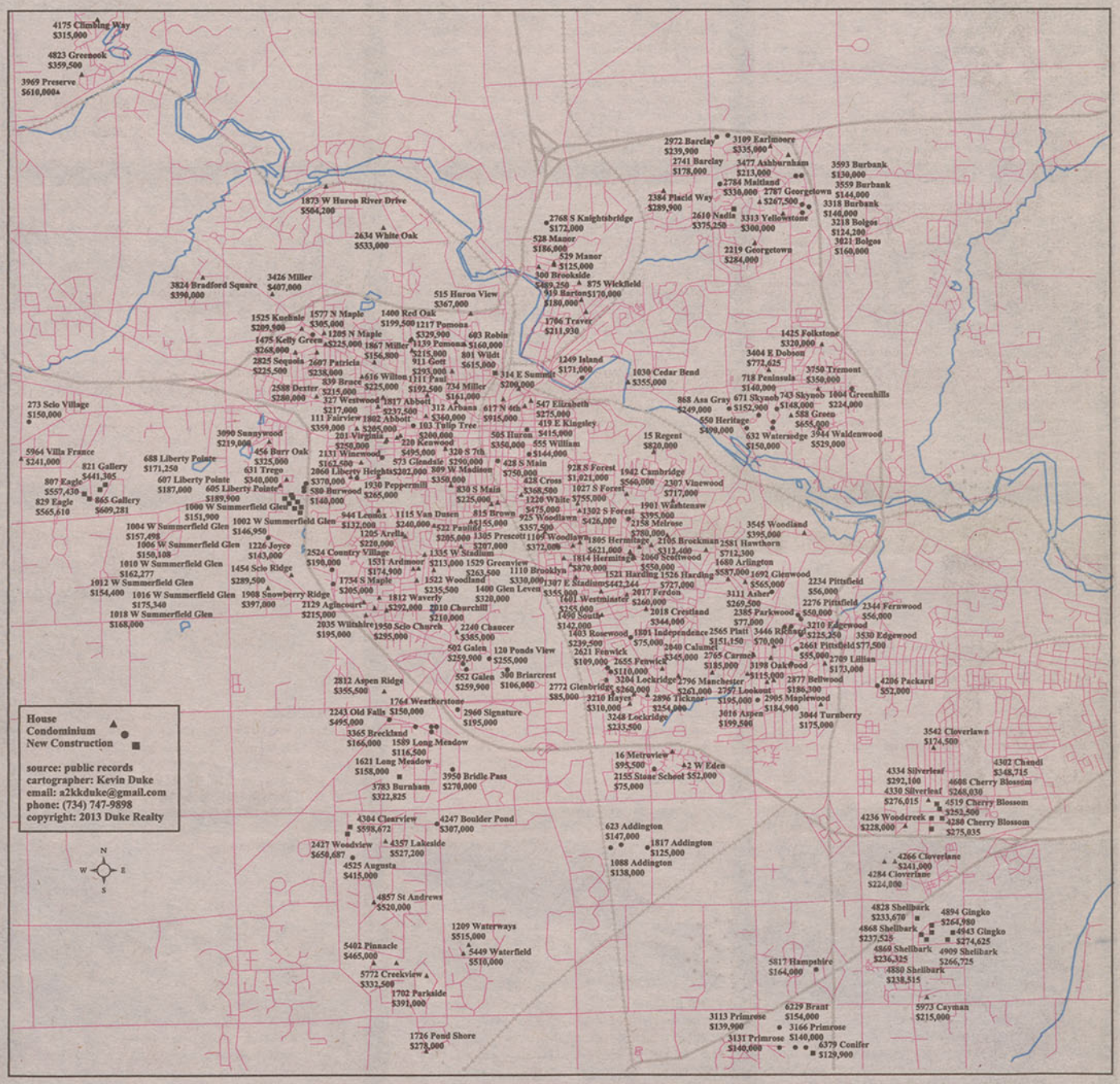
Ann Arbor Observer

AnnArborObserver.com

2390 Winewood | Ann Arbor, MI 48103

OCTOBER 2013

HOME SALES



More homes sold in the first ten months of 2013 than in any year since 2005. Although this year's 1,843 sales to date are still well below the 2,203 reported in 2005, the accompanying chart shows that sales of existing homes have almost recovered—the shortfall is almost entirely due to a reduction in new construction. During the first ten months of the year, 463 new homes were sold in 2005, but just eighty-three this year. Even that is an upward trend: in 2009, the nadir, just forty-two new homes were sold during the first ten months.

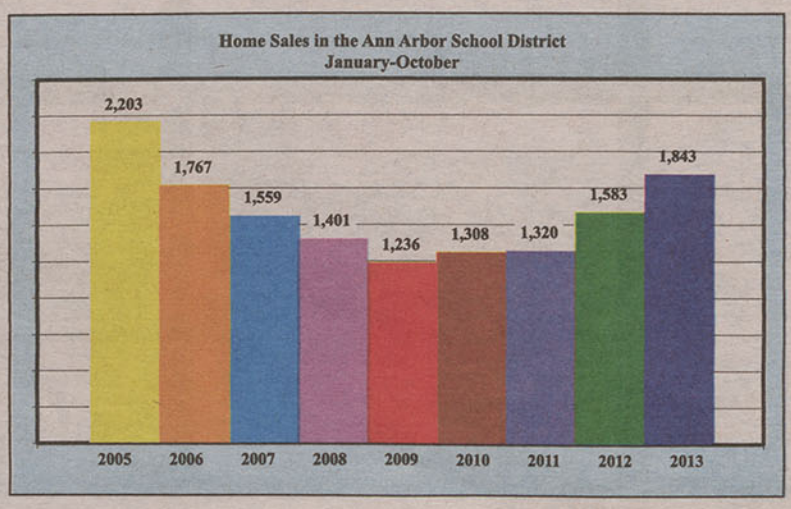
Builders made an obvious impact on this month's map. At Liberty west of I-94, eight Summerfield Glen condominiums sold at prices ranging from $146,950 to $168,000. NDC (aka Norfolk Homes) began building Summerfield Glen in 2007, but sales stalled when the recession hit. NDC weathered the storm by renting out unsold units, and this year is converting that inventory to sales.

Seven other new homes on the map are in Pittsfield's Hickory Pointe development, near the intersection of Michigan Ave. and Crane Rd. The most expensive, a 2,416-square-foot house at 4943 Gingko, sold for $274,625, while the least expensive, a 2,260-square-foot home at 4828 Shellbark, went for $233,670. Though true new construction, these, too, have a recession connection: Lombardo Homes built them on homesites that were foreclosed in 2010.

Lombardo Homes also revived the Silverleaf development east of Carpenter and south of Ellsworth. Five sales there appear on this month's map. A large 3,332-square-foot house at 4302 Chandi Court sold for $348,715, while a smaller 2,296-square-foot model at 4608 Cherry Blossom sold for $268,030.

Prior to the recession, the construction industry accounted for 12 percent of all economic activity nationally. The appearance of thirty new homes on this month's map signifies the reawakening of the Paul Bunyan that reshaped the local landscape prior to the recession. If you also consider the additional hundreds of apartments that have been built and rented this year in downtown Ann Arbor, the minions of Mr. Bunyan have been busy indeed.

—Kevin Duke



2104 Dorset

Ann Arbor, MI

A red brick path leads you to this inviting English country home nestled on a lovingly landscaped lot in the Angell School area. The entry welcomes you with two large coat closets, plus under-stair storage with built-ins. Spacious and bright living room with oak wood floors, 5 sets of French doors and Pewabic tile fireplace. Delightful screen porch off living room with tile floor. Formal dining room with built-ins and another set of French doors. First floor den/study. Four large bedrooms upstairs, plus three full baths. Walk-up attic with plenty of storage space. Deep lot with plenty of room for a garden and children's play areas. Just steps from the Arboretum, UM Campus, UM Hospital and downtown Ann Arbor.

Carolyn Lepard Realtor®
Cell: 734.417.2900
Office: 734.669.6808
clepard@reinhartrealtors.com
www.CarolynLepard.com

Carolyn LEPARD
The Spirit of Ann Arbor

4 Bedrooms
3 1/2 Bathrooms
2912 Sq. Ft.

Reinhart
Charles Reinhart Company Realtors
500 E. Eisenhower Pky. Ste. 200
Ann Arbor, MI 48108
734-769-3800

Big George's

HOME APPLIANCE MART

KITCHEN APPLIANCES - MATTRESSES - HOME THEATER - FIREPLACES - LAUNDRY

KitchenAid®

INVITATION TO SAVINGS

Save on appliances that complete your kitchen with this exclusive invitation.

Receive up to a
$1000
MasterCard® Prepaid Card by mail with purchase of select KitchenAid Brand appliances*

30" OVER-THE-RANGE MICROWAVE OVEN STAINLESS STEEL
KHMC1857BSS
24.8 CU. FT. FRENCH DOOR REFRIGERATOR STAINLESS STEEL
KBFS25EWMS
30" ELECTRIC RANGE EVEN-HEAT TECHNOLOGY STAINLESS STEEL
KERS202BSS
CLASSIC SERIES BUILT-IN TALL TUB DISHWASHER STAINLESS STEEL
KUDC10FXSS

PLUS $400 INSTANT REBATE

STAINLESS STEEL KITCHEN PACKAGE STARTING AT $4099

VISIT OUR SHOWROOM: 2023 WEST STADIUM BLVD. ANN ARBOR, MI WWW.BIG-GEORGES.COM 734-669-9500

Services

Building & Remodeling

David Klein Construction, Inc.
(248) 437-3918
Residential Remodeling & Additions
www.davidkleinconstruction.com

Painting

Painting • Wall Repair
Wallpaper Stripping
Meticulous • 25 years' experience
Free estimates • References
Ken MacLean **734-996-0940**

Graphic Design

Graphic Design
Illustration
Copy Writing
734.395.2059
Tabi Walters
www.DesignByTabi.com

Wedding & Event Planning

LUNA SOIRÉE EVENTS
Personalized Weddings | Corporate Events
Planning & Coordination
Kaeli Garcia | 734.276.7551 | lunasoiree.com

Tell 120,000 people about your business!

Whatever your business,
Observer readers want to know about it.

Contact Courtney Miller
at courtney@aaobserver.com
or 734.769.3175

SOMETHING TO *celebrate*

THE OBSERVER IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE A NEW PAGE DEDICATED TO THE LIFE EVENTS CELEBRATED BY ANNARBORITES.

PLACE AN AD ANNOUNCING:
ANNIVERSARIES
ENGAGEMENTS
GRADUATIONS
NEW BABIES
WEDDINGS

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT COURTNEY AT
ads@aaobserver.com
or 734.769.3175x324

EXAMPLE:

Advertiser Index

A&L Wine Castle ... 58
Abracadabra ... 50
Achatz Pie Company ... 51
Allen Creek Preschool ... 71
Allstate Darts & Billiard Access. ... BC
Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation ... 5
Ann Arbor Art Association Art Center ... 48
Ann Arbor Artisan Market ... 50
Ann Arbor Artists Collective ... 52
Ann Arbor Automotive ... 20
Ann Arbor Ballet Theatre ... 79
Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase ... 65
Ann Arbor Cooks ... 49
Ann Arbor District Library ... 68
Ann Arbor Figure Skating Club ... 79
Ann Arbor Observer ... 11, 67, 76, 79, 83, 83, 85, 89, 93–95, 100, 102, 103
Ann Arbor Plastic Surgery ... 16
Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra ... 75
Ann Arbor YMCA ... 87
Arbor Dental ... 21
Arbor Dog Daycare ... 58
Arbor Farms Market ... 26
Arbor Springs Water ... 88
Arborland Mall ... 50
Associates in Pediatric Dental Care ... 85
Aut Bar & Common Language Book Store ... 60

BMW of Ann Arbor ... 13
Bebe's Nail & Spa ... 73
Bellanina Day Spa & Gift Boutique ... 46
Ben & Jerry Ice Cream ... 30
Bennett Optometry ... 39
Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Washtenaw County ... 19
Birkenstock ... 45
Nancy Bishop, realtor ... 35
Bivouac ... 14
Blue Tractor/MASH ... 54
Books by Chance ... 84
Boychoir of Ann Arbor ... 47
Boyd Ann Arbor ... 43
Elizabeth Brien, realtor ... 32
Brightstar of Ann Arbor ... 86

Center for Brainwave Balance PLLC ... 87
Center for Plastic & Reconstructive ... 40
Chelsea Retirement ... 28
Cherry Republic ... insert
City of Ann Arbor—
Leaf Management ... 78
Parks & Rec.Dept. ... 18
Snow Removal ... 92
Coach Me Fit ... 34
Coffee Express ... 27
Colliers International ... 10
The Common Grill ... 60
Common Language Bookstore ... 81
Concordia University ... 72
Cottage Inn ... 54
Crimson Apple Studios ... 46

Dancing Dog Gallery ... 27
DogmaCatmantoo ... 31
Downtown Home & Garden ... IFC

The Earle ... 61
Edwards, Ellis & Armstrong CPA ... 38
Elizabeth J. Interiors ... 83
Encore Online Resale ... 73
Envisionary Events & Design ... 49

Felix ... 57

First Baptist Church ... 89
First Presbyterian Church ... 23
First Presbyterian Church Music Dept ... 72
First United Methodist Church ... 51
Flatsnoots Christmas Trees ... 49
Gerald Ford Library ... 66
Format Framing & Gallery ... 75
Found ... 44
Friends of the A2 District Library ... 69
Fustini's ... 13

Gago Center for Fertility ... 87
Ganger Dermatology ... 7
Germain Audi ... IBC
Germain Volkswagen ... IBC
The Gilbert Residence ... 88
Glacier Hills Senior Living Community ... 22
Gold Bond Cleaners ... 95
Grizzly Peak Brewing Company/ Old German ... 56
Gross Electric ... 74

Hair Spot ... 77
Harvest Kitchen ... 55
Heavenly Metal ... 47
Hollander's ... 47
Holtz Christmas Tree Plantation ... 21
Home Appliance Mart ... 32, 101
Homegrown at the Cobblestone ... 66
Honeymoon Hauling ... 95
Howard Hanna ... 97
Hylant of Ann Arbor ... 15

I.H.A. Associates ... 36
In Touch Therapeutic Massage ... 80

Jefferson Market ... 55
Jessica's Skin & Body Apothecary ... 9

Kerrytown Associates ... 6
Kerrytown KindleFest ... 44
Kerrytown Market & Shops ... 58
Kilwin's Chocolates ... 25
Kite Network ... 16
David Klein ... 102
Kuroshio Restaurant ... 56

Lucy Ann Lance ... 78, 94
Land Architects ... 93
Leelanau Vacation Rentals ... 94
Lena ... 38
Carolyn Lepard, realtor ... 101
Lexi's Toy Box ... 48
Lily Grace Cosmetics ... 49
Little Hill Studio, Handpainted Murals ... 34
Lucille B. Conger ... 52

Ken MacLean ... 102
Main Street Area Association ... 71
Mani Osteria & Bar ... 56
Mast Shoes ... 12, 51
Melange ... 54
Mercedes Of Ann Arbor ... 15
Metzger's German Restaurant ... 56
Michigan Hospice ... 91
Michigan Theater ... 75
Mini of Ann Arbor ... 31
Alex Milshteyn ... 8
Mix ... 83
Mobile Mower Repair Inc. ... 93
Monahan's Seafood Market ... 59
Motawi Tileworks ... 18

Mrs. Fields Cookies ... 21
Ms Green Construction ... 82
Mudpuddles ... 47
Multimedia Headset Holder ... 104

Nationwide Insurance ... 34

Orion Automotive Services ... 30

Pain Recovery Solutions ... 81
Park Shoe Repair ... 52
Peaceable Pets Animal Care ... 9
Pear Tree ... 53
Performance Network ... 77
Pet 'N Play ... 21
Pewabic Pottery ... 48
Polo Fields ... 62
Princess Designs ... 46
Procerus Skin Care ... 53
Pure Barre ... 25
Purple Rose Theatre Company ... 76

Quarter Bistro & Tavern ... 54

Ragbirds ... 83
Real Estate One ... 98, 99
Regency at Bluffs Park ... 88
Ed and Lisa Ridha, realtors ... 27
River Raisin Ragtime Review ... 73
Ron's Garage ... 80
Rudolf Steiner School of Ann Arbor ... 85
Running Fit ... 42

Saint Joseph Mercy Health Care System ... 76
Select Ride ... 1
Seva ... 60
John Shultz, photography ... 9
Silver Maples of Chelsea ... 91
Bela Sipos, commercial realtor ... 30
Sixteen Hands ... 44
Steve Steeb Service ... 26
Summers-Kholl School ... 84
Sweetwaters Cafe ... 60

Ten Thousand Villages ... 52
Think Local First ... 24
Thirty-Six Exam Prep Services ... 94
Tio's Mexican Restaurant ... 61
Title Boxing Club ... 3
Traver Village Shopping Center ... 2
Treasure Mart ... 43

U-M Health Systems ... 90
U-M Matthaei ... 86
U-M School of Music ... 74
University Musical Society ... 70

Varsity Ford/Varsity Lincoln ... 40
Vie—Fitness & Spa ... 16, 17

WCBN ... 76
Washtenaw County Historical Society ... 78
Washtenaw County Water Resources ... 4
Wells Fargo Advisors ... 19

Ypsilanti Area Dancers ... 69

Zingerman's Community of Businesses ... 63
Zion Lutheran Church ... 84
Zena Zumeta ... 89

Patronize our advertisers &
tell them you saw their ad in the
Ann Arbor Observer

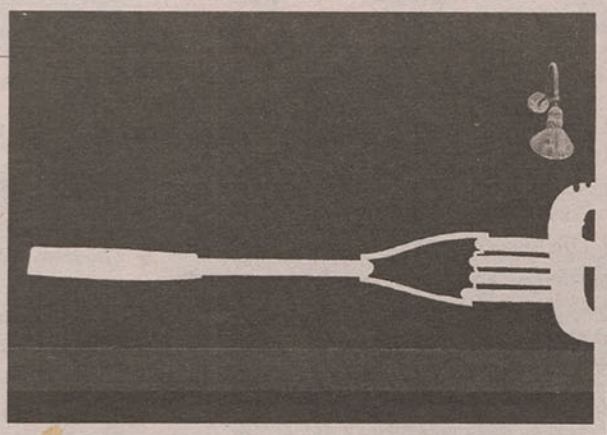
Thank You.

For advertising opportunities,
call (734) 769–3175

AnnArborObserver.com

i spy

by Sally Bjork



Their raw product is "inherently beautiful."

"These two barns are on Ellsworth, just east of Stone School," says Judi Taylor. Her husband works nearby and "recognized them instantly." "The driveway to the city garage runs behind" them, she continues, referring to the city's W.R. Wheeler Service Center. South of Ellsworth, the Wheeler Center occupies a former farm in Pittsfield Township; November's image showed the vacant farm buildings, which are scheduled for demolition.

Peter DeHart, who grew up next to the farm, recalls its "three-seater" outhouse, and a 1960s Chevrolet truck commercial filmed there "while Ellsworth was still a gravel road."

Speaking of neighbors, our apologies to Pamela Sinclair, who is the actual former neighbor of *Tooth Fairy* artist Harry "Bill" Bennett (October). We mistakenly attributed her recollections to another entrant, Ivana Mrazova. Sorry, Ivana and Pamela!

Only three people correctly identified the Wheeler Center; Judi Taylor won our drawing. She will enjoy her $25 gift certificate at Hollander's.

To enter this month's contest, use the photo and clue above to identify the scene, then follow the instructions at the bottom of the page.

fake ad

by Jay Forstner

We received 148 entries correctly identifying the Fake Ad for Combat Zone Paintball on page 78 of the November Observer. We loved each and every one, but we had one favorite.

Keep your friends close, and your enemies closer.
Friend or foe, paintball has a way of bringing everyone closer together. At Combat Zone Paintball, we've been bringing people together for fun, athletic activities for more than 20 years. After all, nothing says friendship like giving someone a big, red, angry-looking welt.
Combat Zone Paintball
2340 Michigan Avenue • Beanville, Michigan • 734-342-4191
Seven paintball arenas. Twenty-one game scenarios.
And a play area for the kids with Airsoft Gallery.

The ad's quote about keeping your friends close and your enemies closer "is usually attributed to Niccolo Machiavelli, but in the ad is attributed to Michael Corleone," wrote Plymouth's Kathleen Kelly. It's also attributed to Sun Tzu, a sixth-century Chinese military strategist. And many argue that neither Sun Tzu nor Machiavelli ever said or wrote anything of the sort. That's why we went with Corleone, from *The Godfather Part II:* we know he said it because we saw him say it.

Or did we? What Al Pacino actually said was: "Keep your friends close, BUT your enemies closer."

Which brings us to our favorite entry. It was from Kirsten Waarala of Canton, who played on that *Godfather* reference: "The new format with the prior winner's name has proven harder for me," she wrote. "But just when I thought I was out, you pull me back in."

Our drawing winner was C.M. Smith. She's taking her gift certificate to the Earle.

To enter this month's contest, find the fake ad and follow the instructions in the box below. The Fake Ad always contains the name of last month's winner in some form.

To enter either contest, send email with the subject "Fake Ad" or "I Spy" to backpage@aaobserver.com. Mail: 2390 Winewood, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. You must include your name, address, and telephone number! All correct entries received by noon on Tuesday, December 10, will be eligible for this month's random drawings. Winners will receive $25 gift certificates to any business advertising in this issue.

THANKS!

We extend a sincere thank you to our new Observer friends!

We appreciate your financial support.

Thanks also to readers who responded to our request for **FREE** subscription confirmations.

Congratulations to the lucky winners of our November drawing!

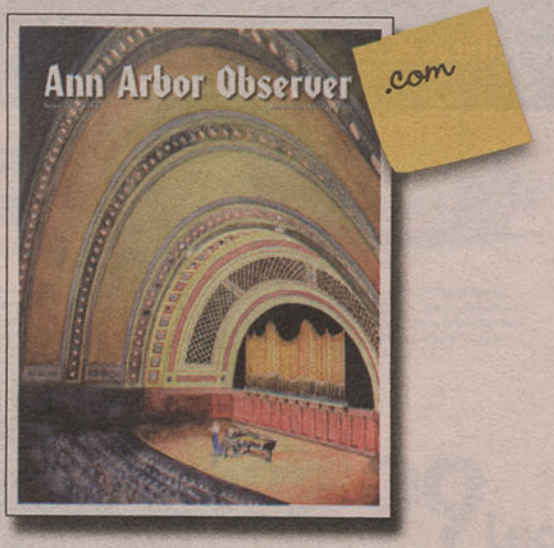
The following readers won a **$25 gift certificate** to their choice of any business advertising in the Observer.

November winners:
Jean F. and Carolynn & Jim H.

If you would like to be entered in the December drawing for a $25 gift certificate to any business advertising in this issue, check out the information on page 95, and submit your Observer Friend or Free Subscription confirmation by December 15.

Thanks!
Observer Staff

What's going on in Ann Arbor?



Ann Arbor's most comprehensive events calendar.

Annual subscription: only $20

2390 Winewood | Ann Arbor | MI | 48103 | 734.769.3175
AnnArborObserver.com

ENTERTAIN YOUR BACKSEAT RIDERS

Easily turn your tablet or smartphone into a backseat entertainment center with the **MUTLIMEDIA HEADREST HOLDER**

Affordable and easily installed
Compatable with most devices
Fits most vehicle headrests
Accommodates ear buds
No special hookups required
Satisfaction guaranteed
Designed in Ann Arbor
Made in the USA

multimedia
headrest holder

MultimediaHeadrestHolder.com
1.855.FOR.MMHH

Events at a Glance

*Daily **Events** listings begin on p. **67**. **Films:** p. **77**. **Galleries:** p. **69**. **Nightspots** begin on p. **64**.*

Concert Music

classical, religious, cabaret

- PhoenixPhest Marathon Concert, Dec. 1
- Measure for Measure men's chorus, Dec. 6
- Kerrytown Concert House "Annual Croissant Concert," Dec. 7
- 17th Annual Evening of Sacred Song, Dec. 7
- 135th Annual Handel's *Messiah* (University Choral Union), Dec. 7
- Ann Arbor TubaChristmas, Dec. 8
- Dexter Community Band, Dec. 8
- Chaverim B'Shirim choir, Dec. 8
- Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra, Dec. 8
- Washtenaw Community Concert Band, Dec. 10
- Baritone David Small & pianist Steve Wogaman, Dec. 11
- Boychoir of Ann Arbor, Dec. 13 & 14
- Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra, Dec. 13
- 49th Annual Community *Messiah* Sing, Dec. 14
- Women's Chamber Chorus, Dec. 14
- "Holiday Classical Expressions," Dec. 14
- Vocal Arts Ensemble, Dec. 15
- Three Men and a Tenor (a cappella), Dec. 16–18
- Horizon Strings Holiday Concert, Dec. 17
- Ypsilanti Community Choir, Dec. 19

Vernacular Music

pop, rock, jazz, & traditional

*See **Nightspots**, p. 64, for shows at the Ark, the Blind Pig, & other clubs*

- Joe Crookston (singer-songwriter), Dec. 4
- Chicago Afrobeat Project, Dec. 5
- U-M Groove percussion ensemble, Dec. 6
- Don White (singer-songwriter), Dec. 6
- Dave Bixby (classic rock), Dec. 6
- Dave Douglas Quintet (jazz), Dec. 8
- To Hit (world percussion), Dec. 12
- The Waymores (alt-country), Dec. 13
- Seth Bernard & May Erlewine (singer-songwriters), Dec. 14
- Khalid Hanifi (singer-songwriter), Dec. 14
- Halladay/Schunk Latin Experience, Dec. 20
- Bill Bynum & Co (bluegrass) & Corndaddy (alt-country), Dec. 21
- "A Jazz Nativity," Dec. 22
- "Jeff Daniels: Onstage & Unplugged," Dec. 26–29 & 31

Theater, Opera, & Dance

- *Jerry's Girls* (Performance Network), every Thurs.–Sun.
- *The Vast Difference* (Purple Rose), every Wed.–Sun. through Dec. 14
- *White Christmas: The Musical* (Encore), every Thurs.–Sat. through Dec. 22
- *For You My Door Is Always Open: A One-Woman Show on Golda Meir* (Ann Arbor District Library), Dec. 3
- *Silent Night: the Real(ish) Story* (Saline Area Players), Dec. 5–8
- *The Comedy of Errors* (U-M Theatre), Dec. 5–8
- *Yeomen of the Guard* (U-M Gilbert & Sullivan Society), Dec. 5–8
- *Jig Saw* (PTD Productions), Dec. 5–8 & 12–14
- *Don Quixote* (EMU Dance), Dec. 6
- U-M Dance and Related Arts Concert, Dec. 6 & 7
- *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Dreamland Puppet Troupe), Dec. 7
- *Richard II* (Royal Shakespeare Company broadcast), Dec. 8
- *Four's Company* (U-M Dance), Dec. 11
- *Falstaff* (Metropolitan Opera broadcast), Dec. 14
- Fireside Festival of New Works (Performance Network), Dec. 15–18
- *Clara & the Nut* (Randazzo Dance Company), Dec. 20–22
- "1940s Radio Hour" (Arbor Opera), Dec. 29

Comedy, Storytelling, & Performance Art

- Comic Heywood Banks, Dec. 1
- "Treasure Island" (U-M Basement Arts), Dec. 5–7
- "RiffTrax Live! Santa Claus Conquers the Martians," Dec. 5
- Comic Keith Alberstadt, Dec. 5–7
- "Trailer Park Boys: Dear Santa Claus Tour," Dec. 10
- Comic Tim Homayoon, Dec. 12–14
- Comic Nate Fridson, Dec. 19–21
- Comic Mike Wilmot, Dec. 26–28

Festivals, Fairs, & Shows

- 2013 Train Show (Rails on Wheels), Dec. 1
- "Midnight Madness," Dec. 6
- 5th Annual Kindlefest, Dec. 6
- Chelsea Hometown Holiday, Dec. 6–8
- 36th Annual Boar's Head Festival, Dec. 6–8
- Dexter Home for the Holidays, Dec. 7
- "Christmas on the Farm" (Waterloo Farm Museum), Dec. 7 & 8
- "Christmas at the Mansion" (Dexter Historical Society), Dec. 7 & 8
- Saline Annual Holiday Parade, Dec. 7
- Cobblestone Farm "Country Christmas," Dec. 8
- 5th Annual Lucy Ann Lance Hometown Christmas Radio Show, Dec. 14
- "1930s Christmas on the Farm" (Saline Historical Society), Dec. 14

Lectures, Readings, & Forums

- Novelist Joshilyn Jackson, Dec. 4
- Poet Jack Ridl, Dec. 4
- Poet Marilyn Nelson, Dec. 5
- Poet Nikki Giovanni, Dec. 11
- Fiction writer Bonnie Jo Campbell, Dec. 14

Miscellaneous

- Dr. Porter Synchronized Skating Classic, Dec. 7 & 8
- "Sherlock Holmes Ball," Dec. 14

Family & Kids' Stuff

- Gemini family concert, Dec. 1
- "One Candle for Tzedakah" Hanukkah celebration, Dec. 3
- *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* (EMU Theatre), Dec. 5–8
- *One Sleepy Night*, Dec. 5–7 & 14
- "Sing Along with Santa" (Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra), Dec. 7
- *The Nutcracker* (Ballet Chelsea), Dec. 7 & 8
- *Peter Pan* (Young Actors Guild), Dec. 13
- *The Nutcracker* (Ann Arbor Ballet Theater), Dec. 13–15
- *The Nutcracker* (Dance Alliance), Dec. 15
- *The Nutcracker* (Royal Opera House broadcast), Dec. 17
- *Wolverine Will* (Performance Network Children's Theater), Dec. 28

"Only in Ann Arbor" Event of the Month

- "Bizarre Dance" (The Yellow Barn), Dec. 21

The Right **Car.**

The Right **Price.**

The Right **Way.**

Experience Car Buying in a New Light

Germain of Ann Arbor

HONDA · Das Auto. · Audi · Porsche

2575 S. State St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Germain Audi of Ann Arbor

Tis the Season of **Audi** Event

First Payment Waived
For the A4 only.

New 2014 Audi A4

$529 Lease
Plus Tax

Manual Quattro Premium Plus. $1,999 due at signing (plus fees). 36 month lease, 10k miles per year. Plus tax, tag, title, and dealer fee. With approved credit through AFS. Take delivery by month end.

New 2014 Audi A6 2.0 Quattro

$639 Lease
Plus Tax

MSRP $52,290. $2,495 due at signing (Includes $695 acq fee) 36 month lease, 10K miles per year. Plus tax, tag, title, and dealer fee. With approved credit through AFS. Take delivery by month end.

www.AudiAnnArbor.com

Audi

Germain Volkswagen of Ann Arbor

SignthenDRIVE Program

Zero down, zero scheduled maintenance costs.
See dealer for details.

New 2014 Passat Wolfsburg Edition

$329 Lease

$0 due at signing, 36 month lease. Automatic transmission, excluding title, tax, options and dealer fees. Amount due at signing includes non-refundable security deposit of $0.00. At lease end lessees responsible for $0.20/mile over 10,000 miles and excessive wear and tear. Closed-end lease offered to highly qualified lessees on approved credit by Volkswagen Credit. 2 Years or 24,000 Miles of No-Charge Scheduled Maintenance. Whichever occurs first. 2014 models. Some restrictions. See dealer or program for details.

New 2014 Beetle 2.5L

$299 Lease

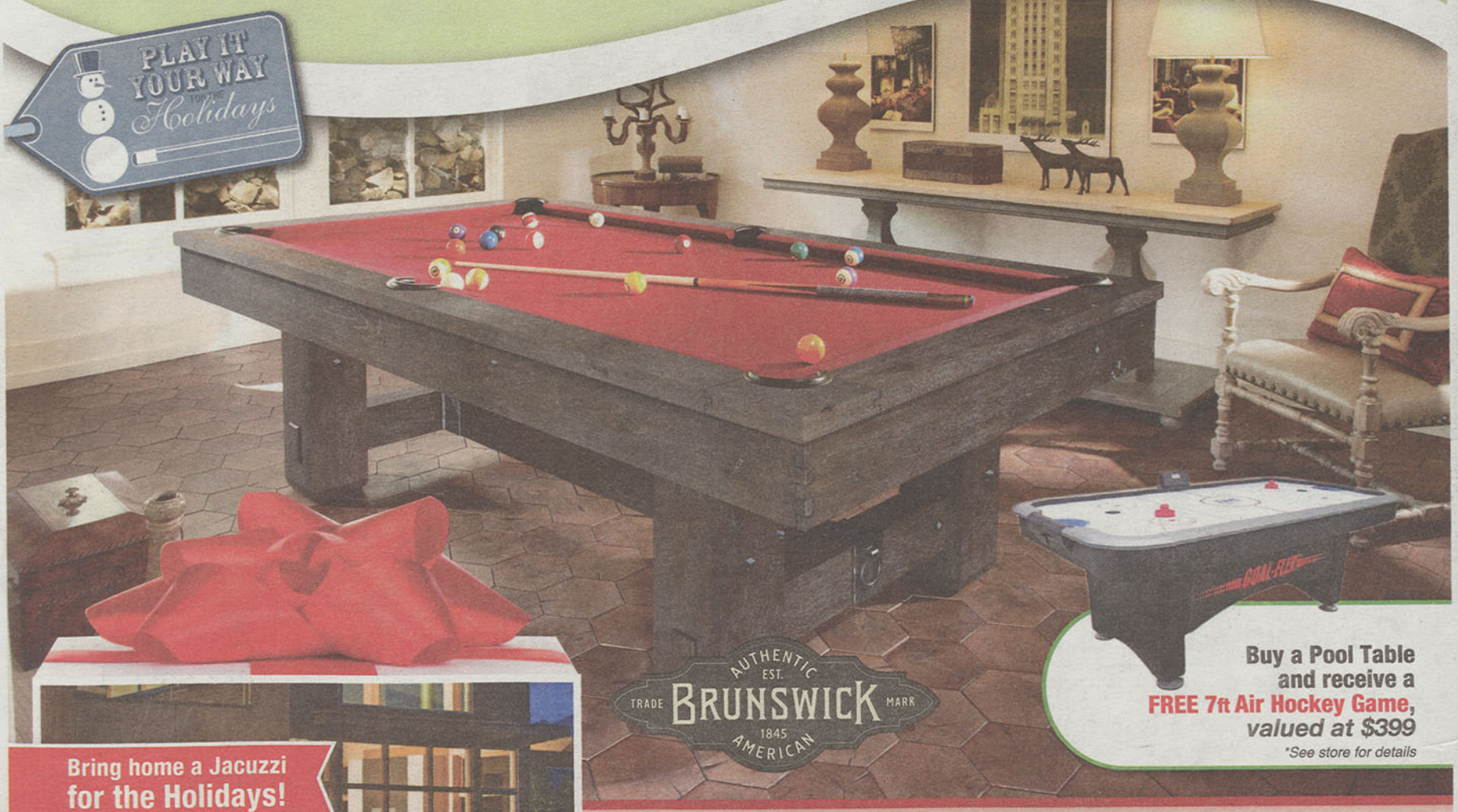
$0 due at signing, 36 month lease. Automatic transmission, excluding title, tax, options and dealer fees. Amount due at signing includes non-refundable security deposit of $0.00. At lease end lessees responsible for $0.20/mile over 10,000 miles and excessive wear and tear. Closed-end lease offered to highly qualified lessees on approved credit by Volkswagen Credit. 2 Years or 24,000 Miles of No-Charge Scheduled Maintenance. Whichever occurs first. 2014 models. Some restrictions. See dealer or program for details.

www.vwannarbor.com

Das Auto.

Allstate

Home for the Holidays Event



Buy a Pool Table and receive a **FREE 7ft Air Hockey Game,** *valued at $399*

**See store for details*

Bring home a Jacuzzi for the Holidays!

Jacuzzi model year Clearance SAVE UP TO 50% or 36 month payment options.

The largest kitchen and barstool collection in Michigan!

Save up to 50% OFF for the holidays!

Allstate

HOME LEISURE

Life Well Played.

ANN ARBOR

3336 Washtenaw Ave. • 734.677.3278

Wood, Gas Fireplaces & Inserts

save up to 20%

Gas logs from $299

compare at $599

Either Foosball Table or Players Air Hockey for $599

compare at $999

Visit us online to see more! **Homeleisure.com**